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GRANITE VIEWS **PATRICK DUFFY**

The search is still on



With so much attention these days being directed to issues that revolve around Washington, perhaps we ought to pay attention to what's happening locally.

Dr. Tom Brennan, superintendent of schools for the Manchester District, gave ample notice of his intention to leave his position at the end of this school year. Generally there are qualified candidates from within an organization, but frequently the preferred method is to seek candidates who have had varied and extensive experience in other regions that will bring new ideas and solutions to the table. The Manchester School Board selected a search firm to assist in advertising the vacancy and screening potential candidates for the position. More than 80 candidates applied, and they were screened and vetted, before three finalists were identified.

As the record shows, none of the three finalists had administrative experience in a school district that came anywhere close to the size of Manchester, which has over 17,000 students. Eventually, a decision was reached to not offer the position to any of the finalists (in all fairness, one of the finalists had already withdrawn) and to start the search all over again.

The process, which had been ongoing for over six months, turned out to be a false start with countless hours — not to mention the dollars — wasted on identifying a candidate. One has to ask what the criteria were for identifying potential candidates, and why the “national search firm” was unable to bring forth a list of fully qualified candidates.

This position is one of the most important positions in city government, as stated by none other than the mayor himself. The absence of an incoming superintendent puts the city in a very precarious position as this school year comes to a close with no one identified as the leader for the upcoming year. What can you do about it? Ask your representative to the school board where he/she stands on this issue. What has allowed this to happen? Who is making the decisions as to qualifications and credentials needed to fulfill this important position?

Incidentally, the latest update posted on the Search Committee website is dated March 27! Let's not get too wrapped up in Benghazi at the expense of ignoring our local issues — issues that will have an impact upon this city for years to come.

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NEWS & NOTES

Less revenue expected

The Senate Ways and Means Committee released its revenue projections for the next two years. The Committee set the revenue figure at \$4.3 billion, \$2.12 billion for Fiscal Year 2014 and \$2.19 for Fiscal year 2015. “This puts Senate revenues at \$61.4 million less than what the House proposed and \$162.7 less than Governor Hassan’s budget,” Sen. Bob Odell, R-Lempster, who is committee chairman, said in a statement. “This base amount reflects revenues that have actually come in since the governor and the House had their turn with the budget and the fact our committee anticipates only modest growth in state revenues over the next two years.” The Senate projects more business taxes than the House did, but it also projects more conservative totals in other categories, Odell said.

Get Manch Merch

goodgood Manchester, an online platform promoting the Queen City, recently launched a new Manch Merch section of the website. Manch Merch features T-shirts, iPhone cases and messenger bags sporting Manchester-centric designs. “Celebrating Manchester — that’s what goodgood manchester is all about,” said goodgood co-founder Will Stewart. The current Manch Merch store designs were created by local graphic designer Dan Brian. In an effort to highlight the work of emerging student designers, goodgood co-founder Kathleen Schmidt reached out to New Hampshire Institute of Art and Southern New Hampshire University. goodgood manchester readers can vote on 12 student designs vying to be the next featured Manchester-themed T-shirt on the Manch Merch store. Voting is free and open to the public through Monday, June 3, at myggm.org/contest.

Tea Party not targeted

Jane Aitken of the New Hampshire Tea Party Coalition sent an email to media last week in response to many inquiries about



New Hampshire Institute of Art students have submitted designs for Manchester merchandise to be sold by goodgood Manchester. Pictured here is a design by Chrissy Tremblay.

the IRS admitting to targeting conservative groups, specifically those that have tea party in their names. “While we decry the practice of using the IRS to target anyone, we have not been subject to this scrutiny because we as the original movement do not collect/distribute or deal with money,” Aitken wrote. Many of the groups in question are GOP PACs founded by GOP consultants calling themselves tea parties, Aitken said.

Pregnant and working

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen recently introduced legislation that would protect pregnant women from workplace discrimination. Currently, pregnant working women are being denied simple adjustments — permission to use a stool while working a cash register or to carry a bottle of water to stay hydrated, or temporary reassignment to lighter duty tasks — that would keep them working and supporting their families while maintaining healthy pregnancies. The legislation will close legal loopholes and ensure that pregnant women are treated fairly on the job, according to Shaheen’s office. “With the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, women will get the reasonable protections they deserve while being able to continue working with a healthy pregnancy,” Shaheen said.

Beardmore joins DRA

Gov. Maggie Hassan announced last week she will nominate John Beardmore to serve as commissioner of the Department of Revenue Administration. Beardmore, of Hopkinton, currently serves as director of administration at the

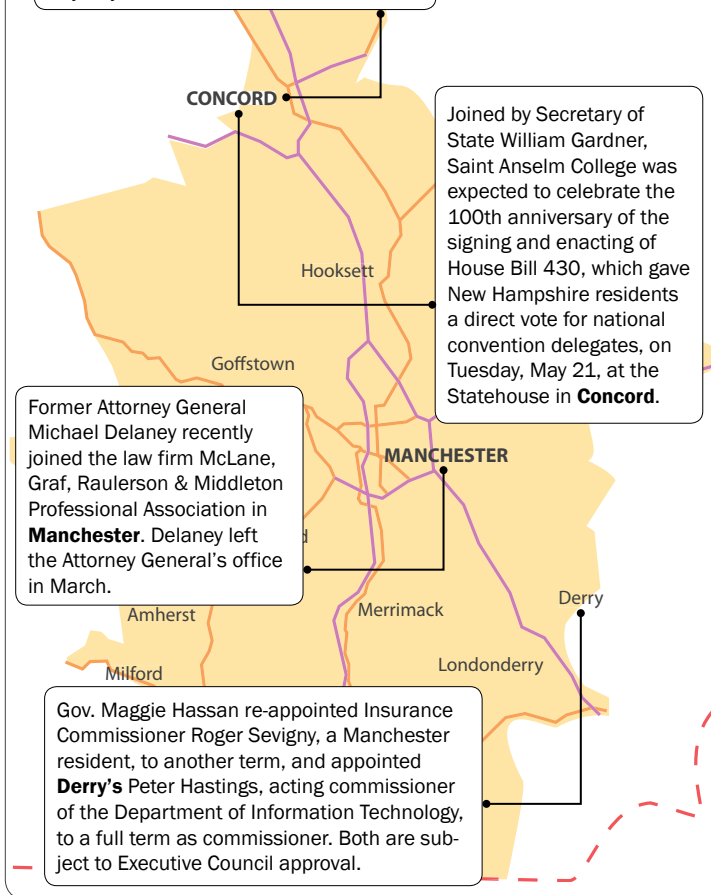
Department of Safety and has held a variety of budget-related positions across New Hampshire state government, including budget director under Gov. John Lynch and multiple positions at the Gener-

al Court’s Office of Legislative Budget Assistant. “I understand the importance of an effective and transparent Department of Revenue Administration that has the full confidence of taxpayers, and I am honored that Governor Hassan has entrusted me with the responsibility of leading this critical state agency,” Beardmore said. Beardmore’s nomination must be confirmed by the Executive Council.

Tipping tax

The Business and Industry Association supports an amendment to House Bill 520 that clarified that tips received by employees directly from customers are not subject to the state’s Business and Enterprise Tax. “Taxing this revenue represents a tax increase on these businesses, which comes at a time of great economic uncertainty and impacts a segment of our economy that supports our important travel and tourism industry — restaurants, hotels and other establishments that hire and employ tipped employees,” said Adrienne Rupp, a vice president with the Business and Industry Association, during her testimony to the Senate Ways and Means Committee last week. Rupp said that tips

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, a potential 2016 presidential candidate, was scheduled to join National Republican Committee Chairman Reince Priebus at the Grapone Center in **Concord** on Monday, May 20, for the state GOP’s First Annual Liberty Day Dinner.



Joined by Secretary of State William Gardner, Saint Anselm College was expected to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the signing and enacting of House Bill 430, which gave New Hampshire residents a direct vote for national convention delegates, on Tuesday, May 21, at the Statehouse in **Concord**.

Former Attorney General Michael Delaney recently joined the law firm McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton Professional Association in **Manchester**. Delaney left the Attorney General’s office in March.

Gov. Maggie Hassan re-appointed Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny, a Manchester resident, to another term, and appointed **Derry’s** Peter Hastings, acting commissioner of the Department of Information Technology, to a full term as commissioner. Both are subject to Executive Council approval.

received from customers are not part of a business enterprise and are therefore not taxable under the BET.

Talk about trafficking

Theresa Flores travels the country telling her story of trafficking while living in an upper-middle class suburb of Detroit. On Friday, May 31, Flores will share her experiences at the The Salvation Army, 121 Cedar St. in Manchester, at 7 p.m. Flores was essentially trapped within her own home. At the age of 15, she attended school during the day, along side

her traffickers, and was called into service each night while her unknowing family slept, according to traffickfree.com. On Saturday, June 1, Flores and volunteers will come together at The Salvation Army from noon to 4:30 p.m. to take part in S.O.A.P outreach, which is a program through Traffickfree and DOMA International. Through S.O.A.P., volunteers distribute thousands of bars of soap wrapped with a red band providing the National Human Trafficking Hotline number (888-373-7888) to high-risk motels. Visit soapupnewhampshire.eventbrite.com.

BEST WEEK



GAMBLING OPPONENTS

The Joint House Finance and Ways and Means Committee voted, 23-22, last week to kill Senate Bill 152, which would expand gambling in New Hampshire. The bill isn’t dead, but the narrow vote is a win for those pushing back against the expanded gaming movement. Lawmakers were working to make some changes to the bill last week in an effort to garner more votes.

WORST WEEK



HOMELESS PEOPLE IN MANCHESTER

The Union Leader reported last week the city will no longer allow a local church group to serve free breakfast to homeless people at Veterans Park on weekend mornings. The group Do You Know Him? Ministries, had served hot breakfast to the homeless since January 2012. The city cited concerns from area businesses in making its decision, according to the article.

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Construction ahead

Get ready for some stop and go
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Watch for brake lights; there's plenty of road work going on this spring and summer in New Hampshire.

The state Department of Transportation is managing 78 active projects totaling nearly \$600 million. Much of that work is taking place on the state's highways.

"In general we try to minimize the traffic impact, but we can't always eliminate it," said William Boynton, spokesman for the state Department of Transportation.

With larger, longer-term projects, traffic management is a big part of the equation. For example, even though there is major work related to the Interstate 93 widening project, traffic isn't necessarily impacted each day. Project managers must come up with reasonable traffic management solutions for long-term projects. Work like paving and blasting is likely to cause traffic delays and lane closures, Boynton said.

"Our construction season, unlike Florida, is April to November, and sometimes it corresponds with the tourism season and the growing traffic volumes of summer," Boynton said. "It can be a conflict at times. At the same time we appreciate people's patience as we try to improve the system."

While it is more expensive, crews have been doing more and more night work to address traffic management issues.

"To close a lane on 93 during the day, you risk immediate, significant backups," Boynton said. "You used to be able to do work from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and close one lane. Suddenly, those windows aren't there anymore."

Crews can't do night work in every situation, due to safety concerns and location — some projects occur in residential areas, for example, Boynton said.

In the area of Exit 3 on I-93 in Windham, crews have used state police rolling roadblocks whenever blasting is taking place.

"In that case, obviously, you have to stop traffic," Boynton said, adding it's usually for a short time.

Boynton noted that traffic backups often occur in the cases of emergency repairs or even for simple median maintenance work, such as mowing or roadway stripe painting. The state has 4,600 miles of state-maintained roads to stripe.

The state is paving 250 to 300 miles this summer, which is less than ideal. Officials prefer to pave closer to 500 miles each year, which would allow crews to repave the entire system every 10 years. Boynton said funding issues have impacted paving

production in recent years.

Open-road tolling

One place drivers won't be slowing down is the Hooksett tolls. Motorists will be getting through the Hooksett tolls much more quickly with the completion of the open road tolling project. The \$23 million project, scheduled to open Thursday, May 23, will allow E-ZPass customers to travel at highway speeds through tolls.

Boynton said the open road tolling on Interstate 95 in Hampton has been particularly successful.

"It's quick, safe and convenient," Boynton said.

Boynton said the Hooksett project will look about the same as Hampton: two open road tolling lanes in each direction, with six conventional booths open for E-ZPass and cash customers, though the hope is that E-ZPass customers would use the open road tolling lanes. Nearly 70 percent of motorists use E-ZPass.

"We've been pleased with the result in Hampton," Boynton said. "It's greatly reduced the somewhat legendary backups of the past. We really don't have that anymore."

DOT officials said the toll plaza processed more than 25 million vehicles each year, including 80,000 vehicles per day during summer weekends.

Widening and rebuilding

The Interstate 93 rebuilding project remains the project with the largest scope. The \$800 million project trudges along, despite still being \$250 million short in funding.

The project entails widening the highway from two to three lanes in each direction from the New Hampshire border to Manchester. In many cases, the project also entails rebuilding sections of the highway. In that stretch of highway alone, the state is spending \$100 million on addressing 19 red-listed bridges. The last red-listed bridge to be addressed on that stretch is in Londonderry.

ONGOING ROAD PROJECTS



The 93 project is focused now in the vicinity of Exit 3 in Windham, where there is ongoing blasting work. Work also continues at Exit 5 in Londonderry, Boynton said.

"We've made a lot of progress, but there is still a lot of work going on," Boynton said.

Getting to and from Maine

Motorists traveling back and forth to Maine might have had a tough time in recent months. There are three bridge crossings spanning the Piscataqua River from Portsmouth to Kittery. The state is getting ready to open the new Memorial Bridge, which carries Route 1 over the river. Boynton said in his 18 years on the job, he couldn't remember a more scrutinized project than the \$84 million Memorial Bridge project.

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"It connects two states, it has historical significance with the other bridge, and people have emotional and personal contacts with the other bridge," Boynton said.

The state recently reopened the Long

Bridge, which carried the Route 1 Bypass over the river. That bridge had been closed after a massive ship was freed from the docks and collided with the bridge.

"There had been a little strain for folks

traveling in that area," Boynton said, since two of the three river crossings were shut down. ☁

Other projects

- Last year, work crews completed a major widening project on the Spaulding Turnpike between Exits 12 and 16.
- Crews also completed the redesign and rebuild of the Exit 12A interchange on Interstate 89 in Lebanon, along with work at Exit 20 on Interstate 89, which is the last exit before motorists enter Vermont.
- Drivers have likely spotted plenty of work on the Route 101 corridor in Auburn and

Candia. The \$11 million project includes paving and bridge work. Boynton said there are seven bridges along that stretch of highway needing attention.

- Utilizing a design-build approach in which construction begins before design is completed, crews have been installing a new bridge spanning the Everett Turnpike in Bedford. The approach allows crews to complete projects faster, Boynton said. The \$11

million project is slated for completion in June.

- After a number of crossover-type crashes, construction crews are working to repair and improve the median barriers and guardrails on an eight-mile stretch of Interstate 89 in Bow and Hopkinton. The \$1.9 million project is scheduled for completion in August.
- In the White Mountains, crews are finishing work on a new bridge on Route 302 span-

ning the Sawyer River in Hart's Location. Tropical Storm Irene destroyed the bridge in August 2011. The \$2.3 million project is scheduled for completion in August.

- Crews are replacing north-bound and southbound bridges on Interstate 93 north over Interstate 89 in Bow and Concord. The \$14.7 million project is scheduled for completion in June 2015.

Salmon in spring

Anglers can take advantage of the state's brood stock Atlantic salmon program

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Known for their leaping ability, Atlantic salmon are one of the world's premier game fish, particularly for fly fishermen. Years of damming and pollution all but eliminated sustainable populations in New Hampshire — but that doesn't mean anglers can't try their luck at targeting a silver salmon.

New Hampshire Fish and Game, in partnership with the federal hatchery in Nashua, releases several hundred Atlantic salmon into the lower section of the Pemigewasset River and the upper section of the Merrimack River each year for anglers. These are fish that have been used for breeding at the hatchery for four or five years. After that period of time, fish have maximized their spawning abilities.

Fish and Game officials have completed stocking this spring. They'll stock again in the fall. The hatchery ships older salmon to Fish and Game, where officials recondition the fish before releasing them. Fish undergo a lot of stress during spawning. Once Fish and Game officials get their hands on fish, they provide them with plenty of food to get them good and strong, said Jason Smith, chief of the Inland Fisheries Division of Fish and Game.

This year, officials stocked nearly 400 fish, which is less than usual. In past years, officials have stocked closer to 1,200 fish. The program, which is the only managed Atlantic salmon river fishery in New England, has been in operation since 1993. In the fall, officials stock 2-year-old fish that won't be needed for egg production. The program is also supported through federal funds from the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program.

"It's a great program," Smith said. "We don't have any wild Atlantic salmon in New Hampshire to sustain a fishery. In order to fish them, you have to travel to Canada. It's a great thing for people who historically did go to Canada. They can get them in their backyard."

These are big fish. Smith said they typically weigh 3 to 12 pounds. Each fish is tagged. Anglers are allowed to keep one fish per day.

Biologists have long been working to restore a wild Atlantic salmon population on the Merrimack River, with mixed results. Federal officials recently decided to pull out of a restoration effort on the Connecticut River due to a lack of success. Officials closely monitor salmon returns in the Merrimack River. Atlantic salmon are born in freshwater



The state's brood stock salmon program allows anglers a limited opportunity to target one of the world's premier game fish. Fisheries biologist Andrew Schafermeyer and his son display a brood stock Atlantic salmon. Courtesy photo.

streams, spend typically two years in freshwater, swim to the ocean for one or two years, then return to freshwater streams to spawn.

In theory, after they are released, salmon would spend a few weeks in the fresh water before moving downstream and back to the ocean. Fish have typically moved out of New Hampshire by mid-June, Smith said. Fish were spread out between sites beginning in Bristol and moving south to Concord and Hooksett.

"They could potentially return and spawn on their own," Smith said. "We usually see them move downstream pretty quickly. Once in a while, they'll hang out in a tributary."

In 2012, Fish and Game sold

nearly 500 salmon tags. Anglers must have a current fishing license and purchase an additional \$11 broodstock salmon tag. If an angler without a salmon tag accidentally catches a tagged salmon, he must release the fish immediately wherever it was caught, Smith said.

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A ticket to college?

Students make themselves more marketable

By Jeff Mucciarone
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High school and college officials say there is a growing number of students taking advanced placement courses and exams, hoping the more rigorous work will earn them college credits or give them an academic edge over other students applying for college.

Colleges see students taking AP courses as motivated to succeed.

“It reflects a level of academic rigor that colleges certainly take into account,” said Sharen Gibadlo, senior associate director of admissions at the University of New Hampshire.

From 2003 to 2012, UNH has seen a 41-percent increase in the number of students submitting credits for AP exams. Successful students can sometimes obtain as much as a semester or two worth of credits, officials said.

Cindy Bilodeau, a guidance counselor at Manchester West High School, said interest is growing in the program. West High School typically offers about seven AP courses each year, depending on student interest.

“Research shows that it certainly looks better when students have taken more rigorous courses,” Bilodeau said. “It increases options for more selective colleges. ... It usually leads to greater academic success as well.”

“Whether they pass or not, it’s a really good sign,” added Thomas Beraldi, director of institutional research at Southern New Hampshire University. “It shows they’re motivated.”

Gibadlo cautioned that while taking AP courses looks favorable to colleges, overloading on AP courses, and subsequently not doing well in them, doesn’t look good.

Gibadlo said students need to be thoughtful when choosing AP courses and should work with guidance counselors to develop an appropriate level of rigor.

“Just to take as many as you can because you think it will look good, that’s not really the best reason,” Gibadlo said.

Students don’t necessarily need to be enrolled in an AP course to take the exam. Some schools will facilitate exams for students.

Not all colleges and universities offer credit — and not all departments within colleges provide credit. Regardless of how a student did on an AP test, some colleges and departments still want students to take their full line of course work.

AP exams are scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 the highest. A 3 is considered a passing score at many colleges and universities, Beraldi said. At SNHU, a score of 3 or higher on any AP exam will garner a student some

level of credit. In the past, Harvard University has only considered a 5 a passing score.

Rivier University awards credits to students who score a 5. Joseph Spadano, associate professor of education at Rivier University, said a score of 4 or 5 is indicative of academic scholarship.

Beraldi said low- to medium-selectivity colleges generally view AP courses as a valid instrument for measuring competencies, at least somewhat comparable to the rigor of their own courses. Elite institutions are less likely to see AP courses and tests in the same light, Beraldi said. Dartmouth College announced this year it would no longer offer credit for students who pass AP exams.

“A lot of places believe their general education program is so good and so much a part of the institutional character that even if a student has demonstrated some knowledge and competency in a particular subject area, they still want them to take the class at their university and be exposed to the way they teach it,” Beraldi said.

How credits work varies. If a student passes, for example, the AP calculus exam, the college may give the student credit for taking a calculus course, or it might offer general elective credit. SNHU doesn’t offer any Russian language courses, but if a student passes the AP Russian exam, the student will receive general language elective credit, Beraldi said.

“What I tell students is that it’s best to look into your target colleges to see if it’s worth paying the \$80 to take the test,” Bilodeau said.

Gibadlo cautioned that the AP program isn’t the be-all, end-all. It is one factor colleges take into consideration, but there are other ways students can demonstrate motivation and academic scholarship.

“It’s not an equal opportunity tool,” Gibadlo said. “It’s never something we’d require or look upon negatively if they don’t have it.”

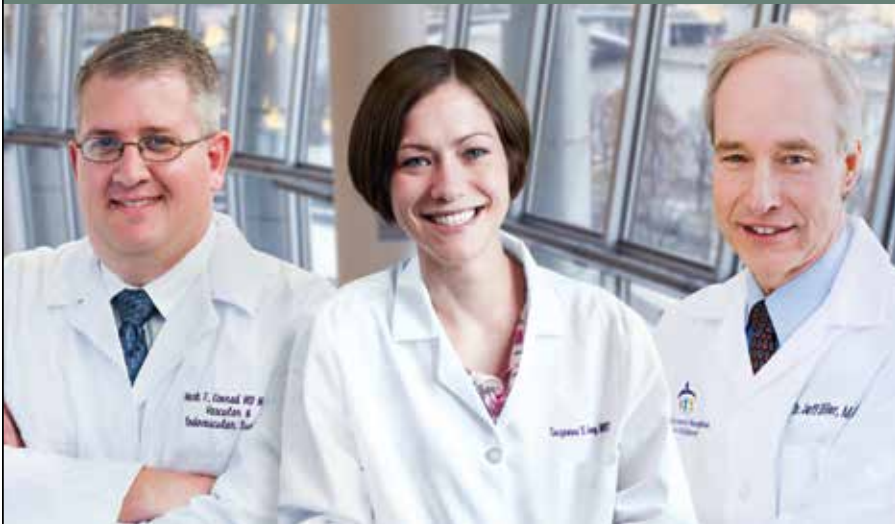
Gibadlo mentioned the state’s Project Running Start, which allows high school students to take courses at the state’s community colleges and receive college credit, and the International Baccalaureate program, which features two-year advanced courses emphasizing mastery of concepts.

Peter Gagnon, who coordinates the International Baccalaureate program at Bedford High School, said it has been successful. Bedford High School offers about 20 International Baccalaureate courses each year.

The International Baccalaureate diploma program consists of six classes and 150 hours of community service. They also complete a college-style seminar course.

“There is no way to fake your way through an IB course,” Gagnon said. “The curriculum is rigorous.”

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NEWS & NOTES Q&A

Talking tech

Participant calls Hackademy intense and educational

Dyn, the Manchester-based Internet infrastructure company, hosted a "Hackademy" last weekend for college juniors in an effort to inspire the next generation of technical leaders. Participants took part in workshops and heard from industry leaders before embarking on a mission to create their own app, all in a span of four days. Wyatt Hepler, who lived in Hooksett during his middle and high school years, participated in the Hackademy. The Brigham Young University student took a few minutes out in the middle of the Hackademy to chat about the experience.

Q: *You're in the midst of the Hackademy. What has it been like so far?*

It's been really good. It's been fast paced and intense, but for me it's been really educational because it's a lot of new stuff.

How did you hear about this?

I heard about it from a family friend who just sent me a link.

What drew you to it?

I am a computer engineering major. My focus tends to be hardware and embedded type stuff. This is ... very different. I'm also interested in software and Web technologies and so this is a new area to me. So what drew me was exposure to new things.

Part of this event involves coming up with an idea to work on. Has that part already started?

We haven't started with that yet. We're thinking about ideas. ... Tomorrow will be the all-day hackathon where we're trying to develop an app of some kind. It's supposed to be our own ideas.

What kind of things are you thinking about?

I don't know yet. I'm hoping to have really good partners. I've never done JavaScript before.

What's it like being with everybody else who is in the same boat on this? ... Is there some collaboration?

Yes, we're going to be working within teams. So we've gotten to know each other and so it's good so far.

What drew you going into the computer field to begin with?

I have been tinkering with computers since I was very, very young, before I knew how to read properly. It's just been a lifelong interest of mine.

Do you have a feel for what you might want to do after you graduate?

I'm not sure yet. Definitely something to do with computers, but that's pretty



Wyatt Hepler took part in Dyn's Hackademy. Jeff Mucciarone photo.

broad so I'm hoping to do grad school and hopefully narrow things down.

What do you think of Dyn?

I've been impressed with it. Seems like a cool work environment. They have a lot of big customers, which is impressive. I guess the company is more prominent ... than I thought it was.

When you first signed on, what were you hoping to get out of it?

I was hoping to learn something new, to just get experience in new areas, and that's happening so far.

For people who don't know how to [tinker with computers], what kind of stuff where you tinkering with?

I've always been one to figure out everything it can do. In junior high, I started fixing — when we had a hard drive problem, I learned how to replace the hard drive. Building computers, I've built several. So I just ... to figure out everything a computer can do and change all the settings and play with things. That's where it started. And then programming, it's just gone from there.

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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

NH residents have potty mouths ...

Granite Staters aren't afraid to use the seven dirty words. A study by the Marchex Institute determined that New Hampshire residents were among the most likely to curse, attaining "Sailor" status in the study. Ohio was the most likely to curse, while Washington was the least likely. Visit blog.marchex.com.

QOL Score: -1

Comment: WTF!?

... but are also polite

Interestingly, the Marchex Institute study also found New Hampshire residents are particularly polite. The Institute examined more than 600,000 phone calls that consumers made to businesses in its study. While New Hampshire is courteous, Massachusetts residents are far more likely to forget to say please and thank you, with the Bay State coming in second for least courteous states. South Carolina was the most courteous, while Wisconsin was the least.

QOL Score: +2

Comment: QOL humbly offers its most sincere thanks.

AAMCO repairs NH veteran's car for free



AAMCO, an automobile transmission specialist, has embarked on a "50 Cars in 50 States" initiative in which it repairs the car of an Iraq War veteran in each state for free.

Last week, the company repaired Kenith Chase's 2004 Acura RL. The Sandown resident is a combat-disabled veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart for serious injuries suffered during service. Chase's car was repaired at the AAMCO of Manchester service center on Gold Street. Mechanics replaced the timing belts, plugs and two seat belts, installed four new tires and performed a tune-up and auto detail.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: "Due to my injuries, I was forced out of a good job with the government and medical retirement is not the retirement that I had seen myself to be a part of at such a young age," Chase said. "My current vehicle is one that I use often for school and I honestly cannot afford the repairs, being a disabled veteran on a fixed income."

Hooksett high-speed tolls opening

Two northbound and two southbound high-speed electronic tolling lanes are almost ready for use in Hooksett on Interstate 93. The new open-road tolling is scheduled to open May 23, and these changes are expected to improve traffic flow and travel time, according to WMUR.com.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: According to the article, more than 25 million vehicles travel through the Hooksett tolls every year, and during peak travel times, more than 80 thousand pass through these tolls.

QOL score: 53

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SPORTS DAVE LONG'S LONGSHOTS



Baseball keeping it interesting

It's been a week since I went all in on the baseball season, and while catching up in that time I found there are some interesting things taking

place all around MLB.

I kicked off the catch-up period by finally getting to see 42. I give it three thumbs up — I had a little trouble with **Chadwick Boseman** not having that pigeon-toed style of **Jackie Robinson**, but that's nitpicking. I mean, who else does have that?

Sports 101: In 42 the producers say **Leo Durocher** got suspended in '47 for sleeping around with the married **Laraine Day** — which, as Leo would say, ain't true. What was he actually suspended for?

I thought the battle for L.A., which spurred wild spending on both sides, was going to be the big story in baseball for the year. But with the Dodgers and the Angels of Anaheim, L.A. and the world in last place, it hasn't come close.

And before the e-mails come in: The Astros don't count; they're a minor-league team training in the AL West.

With the pitch count hand-wringers now keeping a watchful eye, it'll be interesting to see whether Texas manager **Ron Washington** handles **Yu (are the one) Darvish** differently going forward. He got a talking to from his GM, **Jon Daniels**, last week when Darvish pitched into the eighth and 130 pitches with a six-run lead over the Tigers. Washington's reasoning: The Tigers are good and he wanted save the bullpen instead of lifting him after six and 104 like the pitch count police wanted.

Regarding that issue: I'm still waiting for a credible answer from medical people as to why could guys like **Juan Marichal**, **Warren Spahn** and **Mickey Lolich** throw a zillion pitches a game a generation ago and have no arm problems, whereas the bigger, stronger, faster, more evolved pitchers today need an IV drip after getting yanked once

they pass 100 pitches.

You do know that the **James Looney** who's hitting .356 for Tampa as I write this is the same James Looney the Red Sox let walk as a free agent after 2012, right?

I scoffed at in the high teens ranking given to **Albert Pujols** in an ESPN.com poll listing the Top 500 players going into the season, but after his struggles to adapt to the AL last year and seeing him hitting in the .240s now I'm thinking they got it right. He's still on pace for 28 homers and 100 RBI, but he seems to be aging pretty quickly.

And given those struggles, what's happened to **A-Rod** in New York and the debacle **Theo** got the Red Sox into and Ben got them out of with **Carl Crawford** and **Adrian Gonzalez**, I'm thinking the days of contracts of seven years or more are on their way to being extinct.

Except maybe with Theo. He gave 22-year-old **Starlin Castro** a seven-year \$52 million deal at the end of last year and just did it again with ex-Sox farmhand **Anthony Rizzo** to the tune of seven years and \$41 million. I know he's trying to delay free agency and control spending, but to guarantee \$11 million to each of those guys in 2019 seems like he doesn't have much muscle memory from his last few years in Boston.

Speaking of the Cubs: **Edwin Jackson**, who some in these parts said the Sox should sign this past off-season instead of **Ryan Dempster**, is 1-5 with a 6.83 ERA. And naturally Theo gave him four years at \$13 million per.

Sports 101 Answer: While Durocher had loose morals for the day, he actually got suspended for consorting with "known gamblers."

Sports 102: Who is the only guy to play with both **Babe Ruth** and **Jackie Robinson**?

Speaking of the Boston gang in L.A., **Josh Beckett** is 0-5 with a 5.16 ERA and on the DL? At the end, the career obit will probably go like this: with all that talent, it was just one great season and two great post-seasons.

Among the notables in other alumni news are **Jed Lowrie** and **Brandon Moss** respectively hitting .291 with three homers and 21 RBI, and six homers, 23 RBI and .245, for Oakland.

For **Adrian Beltre** in Texas it's .316, nine and 26. **Justin Masterson** is 7-2 with a 2.83 ERA in Cleveland, while for **Victor Martinez** it's 19 RBI, with two homers and an average of .209. And if you're wondering about Rizzo, who went to the Padres in the trade for **Adrian Gonzalez**, it's 10 homers, 30 RBI and an average of .275.

If you like to play "what if," try this. If Theo didn't have an ongoing OBP fetish for A-Gone and others, and let common sense be his guide instead, here's what could have happened. They keep free agent Beltre, who had already proven he could play in Boston, and leave **Kevin Youkilis** to play first base. First, that saves \$100 million in payroll. Second, they'd have Beltre at third and the now ready Rizzo at first. It also would have given them a great trading piece to move for something of value in the blocked-at-third base **Will Middlebrooks**, or in Beltre, if they wanted to go with the kid at third. Plus they'd keep pitching prospect **Casey Kelly**.

With the Giants back in first after winning two of the last three World Series, I'm thinking the GM in San Francisco, **Brian Sabean** out of Concord High, knows what he's doing.

Sports 102 Answer: The only guy to play with the Babe and Robinson was the bad guy in the Robinson saga, Georgia-born **Dixie Walker**.

And finally, best stat for the Sox: They are averaging OVER a strikeout an inning.

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Sports Glossary

Mickey Lolich: Rotund southpaw hurler from baseball's greatest generation of pitchers in the '60s and '70s good old days in MLB. Then guys were EXPECTED to complete what they started — like the Mickster did 29 times in his 45 starts for the Tigers in 1971. That was the career year, when he 25-14 and the ERA was 2.92 as he pitched 376 innings! (That sound you just heard was Terry Francona fainting at just the thought of it). He won 20 or more twice and 19 another time while going 211-197 lifetime.

Marichal and Spahn: Legendary July 2, 1963, pitching match-up which the 25-year-old Juan Marichal entered at 13-2 and 42-year-old Warren Spahn entered at 11-3, which put him pace for his 13th 20-win season. By the time Willie Mays won the classic battle with walk-off homer, it was SIXTEEN innings later and both hurlers were still in there chucking. Spahn took the loss after walking one, while giving up nine hits and the game's only run to a Giants team with four Hall of Famers in the line-up that day. For Marichal the Braves line-up "only" had three Famers, who got him for eight hits and four walks but no runs as he struck out 10 while going the entire 16 innings as the Giants won the 1-0 classic.

Leo Durocher: Loud mouth, in your face brash manager of the Dodgers, Giants, Cubs and Houston who finished his career with the second-most wins in NL history. Came close on the "who played with both Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson" Sports 102 question, as he played with the Babe with the Yanks and managed Robinson with the Dodgers. He authored the classic stab-you-in-the-back move that started a border war long before Tuna jumped to the Jets by walking out on the Dodgers in the MIDDLE of the 1948 season to take the same job with the HATED Giants. Pulling that off was obvious evidence "Leo the Lip" believed the phrase he famously coined: "nice guys finish last."

SPORTS DAVE LONG'S PEOPLE, PLACES & OTHER STUFF

Currier stops Trinity skid

Stop-the-Bleeding Win of the Week: After losing five straight, the Trinity baseball team certainly needed a win on Thursday. So **Alex Currier** stepped to the plate, although pitching rubber is a more accurate term, to deliver a sparking complete game win when the Pioneers got a needed 2-1 victory over Nashua North. He did it with a masterful two-hitter as he struck out eight. Trinity still has a long way to go if they hope to make the Division I playoffs, but it did stop the bleeding and got them their elusive sixth win against nine losses.

Sports 101: In order, name the top five leaders in career doubles in major-league history. Hint: Two aren't in the Hall, at least not yet, and two are old-timers you probably know.

The Numbers: So who had the best game for the Derryfield School on Friday when they beat Stevens of Claremont 17-1? Was it **Jimmy O'Brien** or **Grant Alenson**, who each piled up seven points in the win? Or was it **Matt Milne**, who added six more goals to the season total as D-field moved to 14-0 on the year?

Stat Sheet: Not sure who had the highest for the Blue Knights in West's 15-4 destruction of Monadnock at the start of the week, so you decide. Was it **Ryan Askham**, who had 10 points, five goals and five assists? Was it teammate **Zach Ziemba**, who had a hand in half the action with seven assists? Or was it **Joe Clement**, who had a game-high six goals?

The Numbers

2 — runs batted in for Merrimack's **Taylor Black**, **Mickey Gasper** and **Devin Gillis** to lead a total team effort where every Tomahawk got at least one hit in an 11-7 win over Central.

5 — goals scored by **Grant Alenson** to go along with two assists in leading Derryfield School to a 16-5 thumping of previously undefeated Hollis/Brookline as **Jim O'Brien** and **Matt**

Milne chipped in with six more goals between them.

6 — goals scored by **Alexa Bedell**, who also handed out three assists to set the place for Londonderry in an 18-10 win over Concord when the Lancers also got three goals each from **Hannah Kearney**, **Chelsea Lewis** and **Julia Wasserman**.

9 — strikeouts for **Connor Sahlin**, who allowed just two hits and got a complete-game win when Campbell downed

Alumni News: With the Sea Dogs here last week, the struggles of one-time Sox bullpen ace **Daniel Bard** were in full view. He faced nine F-Cats on Wednesday and gave up a hit, walked five and threw two wild pitches in a 5-4 loss. That continued an astonishing downward spiral that began when he became a starter in 2012. Since then, according to the Globe's **Pete Abraham**, in 105 innings he's walked 91, hit 18 batters and thrown 18 wild pitches.

Sports 101 Answer: Baseball's all-time doubles leader is Red Sox and Indians great **Tris Speaker** with 792. He's followed by **Pete Rose** (746), **Stan Musial** (726), **Ty Cobb** (724) and surprisingly **Craig Biggio** (668).

On This Date — May 23: 1941 **Joe Louis** beats **Buddy Baer** on DQ in seven for heavyweight boxing title. 1962 The Yankees' **Joe Pepitone** hits two homers in one inning to match **Joe DiMaggio's** team record. 1978 AL approves the sale of the Red Sox to **Jean Yawkey** for \$15M. 1984 On their way to running away with the AL pennant and later winning the World Series, the Detroit Tigers win an AL-record 16th straight road game. 1990 NY Yankees hit six home runs to beat Minnesota Twins 12-0. **Born:** 1952 "Marvelous" **Marvin Hagler**, '80s middleweight boxing champ. **Died:** 1965 **Earl Webb**, whose 67 doubles playing for the Red Sox in 1933 is the all-time record.

Bow 2-0.

27 — goals scored in the lacrosse barnburner between the Bishop Guertin and Bedford girls won by the Cardinals 14-13. The winning team spread the goals around — **Caley Prunier** was around a lot of the action with four assists, while most of the Bulldog scoring came from **Callie Santos** and **Nicole Pettiglio**, who each had five goals.

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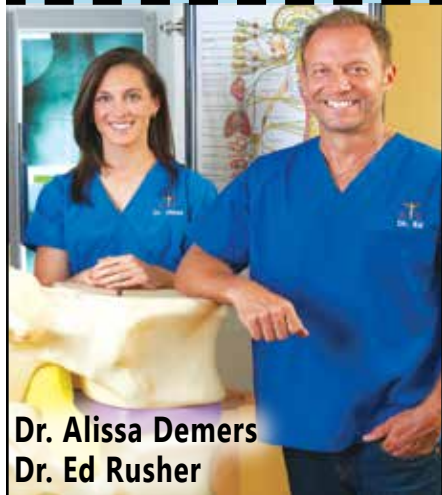
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Summer Preview

With just 14 weeks between Memorial Day — the unofficial start of summer — and Labor Day, it would be a shame to waste time sitting around a hot, steamy house trying to think of something to do. The Hippo has compiled a week-by-week guide to this summer's coolest activities and attractions, from the Rock'n Ribfest in Nashua to outdoor concert series and art fairs. Take a break from the heat at the Palace Theatre, or bask in the sun at Hampton Beach. Eat your way through the Stratham or Hopkinton Fair, then run off that extra fried dough and ice cream at a 5K. Add some culture to your vacation by visiting an art festival or attending a concert. Whatever you're in the mood for, this is your guide to just some of the fun southern New Hampshire has to offer this summer.

The unofficial start of summer

Monday, May 27

Visitors can check out the **Nashua International Sculpture Symposium** for the three weeks that international artists will be visiting Nashua, through June 7 in the Nashua millyard, 1 Pine St., Nashua. A closing ceremony occurs on Saturday, June 8, at 2 p.m., at a place to be determined. Email Nashua.sculpture@gmail.com, visit andresinstitute.org.

"Poster Mania" is now on view at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org) through Sept. 2. The exhibition will be accompanied by related programming, including *Is She His Wife* by Theatre KAPOW on Sunday, June 9, at 2 p.m., and "First" Thursday LIVE! with "A Night of Personal Branding: PechaKucha Style" on Thursday, July 11, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$8 for students, free for children younger than 18.

Tuesday, May 28

"Side by Side," a two-person art show featuring work by New Hampshire landscape painters Sally Ladd Cole and Ellen Davis opens at McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord. The exhibit runs through June 28, with a reception on Friday, May 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. Call 225-2515, visit mcgowanfineart.com.

Kids ages 2 to 5 will **explore Pirate's Cove** at the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye). Once the group reaches the cove, a naturalist will be on hand to tell the group a pirate story. Admission is \$10 for children. There is no cost for adults to attend, and registration is not required. Call 436-8043 or visit seacoast-sciencecenter.org.

Wednesday, May 29

Visit the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye) from 1 to 2:15 p.m., to **create a**

woodland terrarium. Kids ages 2 to 5 will take home their terrarium and go exploring outdoors for butterflies. Admission is \$10. There is no charge for adults. Call 436-8043 or visit seacoastsciencecenter.org.

Take part in the **Gunstock Cross Country Running Series**, a six-part series that began in May. In the third part of the series, runners will navigate Gunstock's nordic trails at 9 a.m. Gunstock is located at 719 Cherry Valley Road in Gilford. Visit gunstocknordic.com. Each race costs \$10. Call 293-0379 or send email to gunstocknordic@msn.com.

Thursday, May 30

Fourth annual Taste of Milford, downtown Milford, 6 to 8:30 p.m., \$25 per person, 249-0676. The event features 25 restaurants and local food producers from the Milford area. New this year is a contest where attendees can vote for their favorite entree, dessert

and overall presentation. Check milfordimprovementteam.org.

Sixth annual Palace Theatre wine tasting and auction, Hanover Street, Manchester, 5:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction and the opportunity to sample wines from 12 select wine vendors and hors d'oeuvres from more than a dozen local restaurants and caterers. Ticket donation is \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door, space permitting. Call 668-5588.

Amoskeag Fishways (4 Fletcher St., Manchester) will host **River Animal Babies** from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Learn about the animals that are born and grow up in and around the Merrimack River. Cost is \$8 per family; prior registration is required. Call 626-FISH or visit amoskeagfishways.org.

Friday, May 31

The **Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom** (169 Ocean Blvd., Hampton) already has

Get ready for the **second annual 5K for Haiti** at 10 a.m. at Merrimack High School, 38 McElwain St. The event will include a kids fun run. Proceeds will help provide funds to build water wells and purification systems in Haiti, as well as collect reusable water bottles. Visit runningwaterrace.com. Registration costs \$15 and a donation of a reusable water bottle. Contact Meg Vaccaro at 320-2644 or email gregnmeg@aol.com.

Sunday, June 2

This Sunday marks the first of many **Dover Arts Market** days in the Coheco Falls Millworks Courtyard in downtown Dover. This is a free weekly market, open Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until the end of October. Visit granitestatemarket.com.

Hot Spot

Children's Museum of New Hampshire

Where: 6 Washington St., Dover
Contact: Call 742-2002 or visit childrens-museum.org.

Admission: \$9 for adults and children older than 1, \$8 for ages 65 and older and free for children younger than 1.

About: Located in Dover, the Children's Museum of New Hampshire features exhibits and events throughout the year for the education and entertainment of children.

Saturday, June 1

The museum will host **Anyone Can Grow Food!**, a program for kids to learn the planting process. Visit the museum from 10 to 10:45 a.m., to plant seeds to watch grow during the summer. The program will also discuss the why composting is important. There is no charge for **Anyone Can Grow Food!**, but registration is required.

Thursday, Aug. 1

The Children's Museum will host its **Summer Bash** at 1 Harbour Place, Portsmouth, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 9

Visit the museum from 10 a.m. to noon for the annual **Teddy Bear Clinic**. Museum staff will provide checkups make small repairs to stuffed animals that need them. From noon to 2:30 p.m., the museum will host a **Teddy Tea Party**.

Saturday, Aug. 24

The museum will host the **Dover Mini-Maker Faire** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature ideas, inventions, technology and more, made by local residents.

com. Free admission.

The Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, presents **SPANK! The Fifty Shades Parody** at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45. Call 225-1111, visit ccanh.com.

The **ninth annual Kitchen Tour**, with various locations in Bedford and Manchester, takes place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Palace Theatre sponsors this event, which is a morning and afternoon to explore several of the finest kitchen designs in Bedford and Manchester. Tour-goers may start and finish anywhere they like on the self-guided tour. All proceeds go to benefit the Palace Theatre in Manchester. Recommended for ages 12 and above. Tickets are \$45 per person (\$50 if purchased on the day of event). Call 668-5588 or visit palacetheatre.org.

Attend the **seventh annual Cocktail Competition**, 4 to 8

A week of arts & entertainment

Tuesday, June 4

Shannachie will perform Irish music at the Greeley Park Bandshell (100 Concord St., Nashua) at 7 p.m. Admission is free. This is the first of several summer concerts at the bandshell. Call 589-3370 or visit gonashua.com for a complete lineup.

Wednesday, June 5

Take part in the **Gunstock Cross Country Running Series**, a six-part series that began in May. In the fourth part of the series, runners will navigate Gunstock's nordic trails at 9 a.m. Gunstock is located at 719 Cherry Valley Road in Gilford. Visit gunstocknordic.com. Each race costs \$10. Call 293-0379 or send email to gunstocknordic@msn.com.

The **19th annual Taste of Nashua** is taking place in downtown Nashua, 6 to 8:30 p.m. More than 20 locations on Main and West Pearl streets will be participating in the annual celebration of eating and shopping in the Gate City. The event also will feature sidewalk musicians, a raffle, pre-event cocktails and post-event specials at some area restaurants. Tickets cost \$30 in advance, \$35 on the day of the event. Visit downtownnashua.org.

Thursday, June 6

The **Thing in the Spring** arts and music festival in downtown Peterborough starts today and continues through Sunday, June 9. The "thing" includes Broke: The Affordable Arts Fair, concerts and more. Weekend passes are \$50. Visit thethinginthespring.com.

p.m., Portsmouth. Put together your four-person team and try to craft the perfect cocktail. There will be a cocktail scavenger hunt and prizes from Portsmouth businesses. Check-in is at 4 p.m. at the Portsmouth Sheraton (250 Market St.) and voting will be at the Portsmouth Gas Light (64 Market St.) at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Visit porstmouth-cocktail.com.

Support the Henniker Lions at the club's **Eye Run 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser** on Sunday, June 2, at 9:30 a.m. at the Henniker Community School, 51 Western Ave. The event supports the Lions Club's community work. Registration costs \$25 in advance or \$30 on race day. Visit henniker.nhlions.org. Send email to hennikerlionsclub@comcast.net.

Broadway's Next Hit Musical shows at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35-\$50. Call 225-1111, visit ccanh.com.

Check out the first ever **Hampton Beach State Park Olde Tyme Fair**, Thursday, June 6 (4 to 10 p.m.), Friday, June 7 (4 to 10:30 p.m.), Saturday, June 8 (10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.), Sunday, June 9 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m.). Carnival rides, games, local food vendors and concessions, arts and crafts, entertainment including concerts and local acts, petting zoo, fireworks and traditional old New Hampshire exhibits and demonstrations. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-11, and free for children under 5. Visit nhstateparks.org.

Friday, June 7

The Seacoast Repertory Theatre's **Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street** begins today and shows at 8 p.m. The show runs Thursdays through Sundays, June 7 through July 13, at the theater, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, 433-4472, seacoastrep.org. Tickets are about \$35.

The Palace Theatre presents **British Invasion**, an original production by Artistic Director Carl Rajotte, starting tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org, 668-5588. The shows continue Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through June 22. Tickets range in price, \$15 to \$45.

Saturday, June 8

The **Artisans Spring into Summer Faire** is at 62 E. Washington Road, Hillsborough, from 10 a.m. to



Music on the Beach returns to the Hampton Beach Casino Ballroom this summer. Blues legend B.B. King visits the historic venue on Thursday, July 11.

4 p.m., and features baskets, jewelry, blown glass, fabric art, paintings, pottery, photography, woodburning, blacksmithing and more. Visit hillsboroughartisans.com. The event continues on Sunday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrate the ocean at the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye) with **World Ocean's Day Celebration** from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Learn about ocean acidification and its effects from experts. Kids ages 5 and older can take part in activities. Call 436-8043 or visit seacoastsciencecenter.com.

The family-friendly **LEAP Preschool 5K Run/Walk** will take place at 9 a.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church Parking Lot, 80 Clinton St. in Concord. Visit leappreschool5k.com. Registration costs \$20 by June 6, and \$25 after that. Contact Antoinette at 717-8932 or send email to LEAP@tbcnh.org.

Keep the pace to a walk for the **3K Walk for Sight**, hosted by the New Hampshire Association for the Blind, at 11 a.m. at 25 Walker St. in Concord. Visit sightcenter.org. Contact

Mary Chase at 224-4039, ext. 324, or send email to mchase@sightcenter.org.

Take part in the **Henry W. Moore School 5K Run for CHaD** at 10 a.m. at the Henry W. Moore School, 12 Deerfield Road in Candia. Proceeds will visit the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Visit cms.k12.nh.us/docs/chad.pdf. Registration costs \$20. Contact Laurel Thyng at 483-8404.

Market Square Day takes place in downtown Portsmouth, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with food, vendors, activities and live music as well as a 10K road race. Visit proportsmouth.org.

It's **opening day at the Greeley Park Bandshell** at 100 Concord St. in Nashua. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the park will have live music, a children's safety demo, a karate demo, give-aways and games, face painting, bounce houses, food and more.

Sunday, June 9

Enjoy a shaded, picturesque course during the **sixth Annual Windham Rail Trail Flat n Fast 5K** at 8:30 a.m. at Windham Depot, 122 N. Lowell

Road in Windham. Visit windhamrailtrail.org. Registration costs \$25. Contact Steve Tomasi at 537-0339 or send email to tomasinh@comcast.net.

The **Tevya Trot**, which includes a 5K road race and a one-mile walk/run at Camp Tevya, will take place at 9 a.m. at Camp Tevya, 1 Mason Road in Brookline. Proceeds will support Camp Tevya's Seth Feldman Fitness Center. Visit tevyatrot.com. Registration costs

\$25. Contact Ellen Ades at eades@camp-tevya.org.

Indulge your sweet tooth at the **Chocolate Lover's Fantasy**, Radisson Hotel, 700 Elm St., Manchester, noon to 3 p.m. Help the Caregivers raise money by eating chocolate. Sample chocolate creations from around the state. Tickets are \$17 in advance, \$19 at the door. See caregiversnh.org for tickets.



The Rock'n Ribfest in Nashua attracted more than 30,000 people last year. Courtesy photo.

A good week to run a race

Tuesday, June 11

The Palace Youth Theatre's production of *The Wizard of Oz* kicks off tonight at 7 p.m. at the Palace, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org, 668-5588. Shows continue Wednesday, June 12, at 7 p.m.; Friday, June 28, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, June 29, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children.

Wednesday, June 12

The **14th Annual Gala Fundraiser for the Palace Theatre** is from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Manchester Country Club, 180 S. River Road, Bedford, and features entertainment from the Palace's original production of *British Invasion*. Tickets are \$75 per attendee. Visit palacetheatre.org, call 668-5588

Take part in the **Gunstock Cross Country Running Series**, a six-part series that began in May. In the fifth part of the series, runners will navigate Gunstock's nordic trails at 9 a.m. Gunstock is located at 719 Cherry Valley Road in Gilford. Visit gunstocknordic.com. Each race costs \$10. Call 293-0379 or send email to gunstocknordic@msn.com.

Thursday, June 13

Burn up the trail at the **Hollis Fast 5K**, which is hosted by the Hollis-Brookline Rotary Club, at 6:30 p.m. at Alpine Grove, 19 S. Depot Road, Route 111A in Hollis. Visit hollisfast5k.com. Registration costs \$35. Race day registration is not available. Contact George LeCours at 769-0962 or send email to hollisfast5k@gmail.com.

Friday, June 14

The **Relay for Life of Greater Manchester** joins walkers from the Manchester area in an annual effort to celebrate people who have fought back against cancer. The Relay for Life begins at 6 p.m. at Livingston Park in Manchester. Visit relayforlife.org/manchesternh. Contact Bianka Beaudoin at manchester_relay@cancer.org.

Rock'n Ribfest, 221 Daniel Webster Highway, Nashua, starts today and runs through Sunday, June 16. The annual celebration of barbecue attracted more than 30,000 people last year and is expected to be even bigger in 2013. The Rock'n Ribfest features rib vendors from all over the country as well as local restaurants and rib enthusiasts serving up ribs and other items. The Ribfest is the official site for the New Hampshire State Barbecue Championship. Judges will sample food from more than 30 grillers and select a winner, who will qualify for the National Barbecue Championship in the fall. Proceeds from the event will be used to support numerous local charities through Nashua West Rotary's giving program. Admission is \$10 at the event or \$7 online if purchased before June 10. Check out ribfestnh.com.

Saturday, June 15

Studio 550's (550 Elm St., Manchester, 550arts.com, 232-5597) "**Human/Nature**" art exhibition opens today, which features works of all media that addresses environmental issues and the broken aspects of society's relationship to the natural world. The exhibi-

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tion is on display through July 31.

Annual Children's Festival, Noble Park playground, Noble St., Somersworth, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., includes four stages, a mix of multicultural and children's entertainment, exotic and traditional foods, crafts, activities, petting zoo and pony rides. No admission fee. Visit nhfestivals.org.

Test your stamina at the **Bow Lake Dam 15K and 5K**, which supports the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, at 10 a.m. at Grange Hall at the Bow Lake Dam, at the intersection of Province Road and Water Street, 564 Province Road in Strafford. Visit bowlakedam-15k5k.com. Registration costs \$25. Contact Laurie Liskow at 205-9299.

Kickstart your summer with the

Summer solstice

Thursday, June 20

The **Lite Up the Nite for Mental Health 5K** will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Derryfield Park in Manchester. Participants are encouraged to wear neon apparel during the run/walk to show support for mental health. Visit runformentalhealth.org. Registration costs \$25 through June 18 and \$30 on the day of the event. Send email to MHCGM5k@gmail.com.

Friday, June 21

The Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden's (236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046) **16th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit** is open for viewing starting today through Nov. 2. The reception is on Sunday, June 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. Visit themillbrookgallery.com.

Kickoff to Summer 5K, held in memory of Dave Cramb, at 9 a.m. at the New Boston Central School, 15 Central School Road in New Boston. The event features the 5K, along with a one-mile race and a mad dash for kids. Registration costs \$22 online and \$20 on race day. Visit running4free.com. Contact Anne Marie Ashford at 487-2608.

Go on a **Family Wise Walk and Talk** at the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye) from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Head outdoors to explore wildflowers and interesting locations within Odiorne Point State Park. The walks are free with museum admission, which costs \$7 for adults and \$3 for ages 3 to 12. Active duty military members, veterans and children younger than 3

The Majestic Theatre's **Blithe Spirit** premieres tonight at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall, 2291 Elm St., Manchester. Following showtimes are Saturday, June 22, at 7 p.m.; Friday, June 28, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 29, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, June 30, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10-\$17; call 669-7469.

Annual Summer Solstice Celebration, America's Stonehenge, 105 Haverhill Road, Salem, sunrise to sunset. Celebrate the first day of summer with a traditional solstice celebration. There will be live music at 6 p.m. Cost is \$9.50 for adults, \$6.50 for children ages 6-12, free for ages 5 and under. Visit stonehengeusa.com.

The American Cancer Society's **Relay for Life** begins at 6 p.m. at

are all admitted free. Call 436-8043 or visit seacoastsciencecenter.org.

Sunday, June 16

The town of New Boston will kick off its summer concert series from 6 to 8 p.m., at the gazebo on the town common (7 Meeting-house Hill Road, New Boston). The **Freese Brothers Big Band** will perform. Visit newbostonnh.gov/Pages/NewBostonNH_Recreation/concerts.

The **RibFest 5-Miler** will precede the annual Rock'n RibFest at 9 a.m. at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, 221 DW Highway. Visit millenniumrunning.com. Registration costs \$30. Call 512-1976.

the Pinkerton Academy Track, 19 N. Main St. in Derry. Visit relayforlife.org/derryandlondonderrynh. Contact Kelly Heinze at derry_relay@cancer.org or call 471-4106.

Saturday, June 22

The two-day **Granite State Music Festival** starts today at noon at the Kiwanis Waterfront Park (15 Loudon Road, Concord). The event features bands and performers from throughout New England. Day 1 of the festival ends with a performance by the Adam Ezra Group at 8:30 p.m. The second day of the festival will begin at 11 a.m. and will end with a 7:30 p.m. performance by the Ryan Montbleau Band. Tickets are \$20 for the first day of the festival and \$25 the second day. Visit granitestatemusicfest.org.

The **Pre-Summer Craft Show** is at Tanger Outlets (120 Laconia Road, Tilton) today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 80 crafters will show in this event, which will be held, rain or shine, next to Old Navy. Free parking and admission. Visit joycescraftshows.com.

The **Nashua Garden Tour**, presented by Symphony NH, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. around Nashua, is a self-led tour of some of the finest gardens in Nashua. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 the day of the event at the first garden at the tour: 14 Ashland St., Nashua. Visit symphonynh.org/events for a map/participating locations. The event continues on Sunday, June 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pro Portsmouth's **Summer in the Street** series begins tonight at 5 p.m. in downtown Portsmouth. During these nights, Pleasant Street from Porter Street to Market Square closes from 5 to 9:30 p.m. to make room for musicians and theatrical and



(top) The doors are open for summer fun at Salem's Canobie Lake Park. Courtesy photo. (bottom) Untamed, a roller coaster at Canobie Lake Park, features a series of flips and twists. Courtesy photo.

Hot Spot

Canobie Lake Park

Where: 85 N. Policy St., Salem

Contact: Call 893-3506 or visit canobie.com.

Admission: \$35 for general admission and \$26 for visitors shorter than 48 inches or older than 60. Admission after 5 p.m. is \$25 and visitors 3 and younger are free.

About: Southern New Hampshire's amusement park, Canobie Lake Park features roller coasters, family rides, water rides, games, entertainment and more.

Ongoing events

Throughout the season, the park will host Thursday night talent searches and Friday night dance parties. Fireworks shows will be held on Wednesday, July 3, Thursday, July 4, Friday, July 5, Saturday, July 6, and then on every following Saturday.

Sunday, June 2

Big Band Day at the park will feature a performance by the Dave Whitney Band from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Dancehall Theater. Admission is free for ages 60 and older.

Wednesday, July 10

Residents of Salem and Windham can visit the park at a reduced rate. With proof of identification, neighbors of the park pay \$15 admission.

Sunday, July 14

The Mass Street Rod Show in South Grove is the park's longest running event and will feature more than 100 classic cars. All of the cars will be 50 years old or older and will be on display throughout the day. Visitors can see the cars up close and meet with their owners.

dance companies, who will entertain visitors in the heart of the city. Free admission. The series continues on Saturday, June 29; Saturday, July 6; Saturday, July 13; Saturday, July 20; and Saturday, July 27.

New Hampshire Dairy Days, New Hampshire Farm Museum, Route 125, White Mountain Highway, Milton, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about cows and dairy goats and taste New Hampshire dairy products. Help churn the cream into butter and learn to make a soft cheese. Barn and farmhouse tour and horse-drawn wagon rides also available. Free ice cream served from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 4 to 17 and free for children under 4. Call 652-7849 or visit farmmuseum.org.

The **Aurlow Stanley Memorial Walk Run Road Race 5K** will take place at Northfield Police Park, 138 Park St. in Northfield, at 8 a.m. The event also features a fun run. Proceeds will benefit the DARE program. Visit northfieldnh.

org. Registration costs \$20 by June 9, \$25 after. Contact Bob Watson at 393-8707 or send email to bdwatson@metrocast.net.

The Goffstown Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the **34th Annual David French Goffstown Gallop** at 8:30 a.m. The 5.2-mile race will begin at Goffstown Recreation Center on Mast Road. Visit goffstown.com/parks.html. Registration costs \$15 in advance or \$20 on race day. Send email to rwilhelmi@goffstownnh.gov.

Sunday, June 23

Blues Traveler will highlight the summer season at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord) at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45.50. For the full schedule of events, call 225-1111 or visit ccanh.com.

The **first annual Timmons Team B.U. Alzheimer's Research Run/Walk** will take place at Surette Battery Park, 11 Park St. in Northfield at 8 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Boston University Alzheimer's

Disease Center. The race features a flat and scenic off-road 5K course. Visit thetimmonsteam.com. Registration costs \$25. Contact Ginny Timmons at 286-7066 or send email to ginnyteel@gmail.com.

Swim, bike and run your way to victory at the **Greater Nashua Sprint Triathlon** at 9 a.m. at Camp Sargent, 141 Camp Sargent Road in Nashua. The triathlon features a 0.3-mile swim, a 16-mile bike and a 3.1-mile run. Visit nashuatri.com. Registration costs \$85.

Catch a concert

Tuesday, June 25

Matchbox Twenty and the Goo Goo Dolls will co-headline a show at the Verizon Wireless Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester) at 7 p.m. Kate Earl will open. Tickets range from \$29.50 to \$95. Call 644-5000 or visit verizonwirelessarena.com.

The Nevers Band will perform at the Statehouse Plaza (107 N. Main St., Concord) at 7 p.m. The band will then have seven more dates throughout the summer as part of the **Concord Summer Music Series**. Call 225-8690 or visit concordnh.gov.

Wednesday, June 26

The **Lowell Summer Music Series** gets underway with the Indigo Girls performing with a full band, at 7:30 p.m., at Boarding House Park (40 French St., Lowell, Mass.). Tickets are \$29 in advance and \$35 the day of the concert. The series runs through Saturday, Aug. 31. For the full schedule, visit lowell-

Contact Fred Daniels at 880-0448 or send email to fdaniels@cpte.net.

Run for a good cause at the **third annual Rosanne's Rush for Research 5K Run/Walk**, at 9 a.m. at Nashua High School South. The race will take runners through the trails of Mine Falls Park. Proceeds will support research for the treatment of triple negative breast cancer. Visit rushforresearch.org. Registration costs \$25. Send email to info@rushforresearch.org.

summermusic.org.

Say Goodnight Gracie shows at the Peterborough Players Theatre, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, 924-7585, starting tonight at 8 p.m., running through July 27. Shows are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$37. Visit peterboroughplayers.org.

Thursday, June 27

The town of Exeter will begin its **Summer Concert in the Park Series** with Entrain, a Martha's Vineyard-based rock band. The show will be held at Swasey Parkway and will begin at 6 p.m. All Summer Concert in the Park shows are free. Visit town.exeter.nh.us/recreation/summer-concert-series-1.

Friday, June 28

The **Prescott Park Arts Festival** kicks off tonight with its 2013 production of *Annie* at 8 p.m. All shows take place outside in Prescott



The Indigo Girls will play with a full band at the Lowell Summer Music Series at Boarding House Park on June 26. Courtesy photo.

Park, Portsmouth and occur Thursdays and Sundays at 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Matinee performances are Sunday, June 30, at 1 p.m.; Saturday, July 27, at 1 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m. The shows run through Aug. 25. There's no fixed admission, but there is a \$5-\$10 suggested donation.

Saturday, June 29

The **33rd Plaistow Old Home Days 5K Run/Walk** will kick off from the Plaistow Town Green on Main Street at 9 a.m. Visit running4free.com. Registration costs \$18 in

advance and \$22 on race day. Contact Dr. Jim Vitale at 382-9989.

Step out on the town for the **Ladies Night Out 5K Run, Wine and Chocolate** at 4 p.m. starting at Runners Alley on Hanover Street in Manchester. The race, which is a women-only event, features wine, chocolate hors d'oeuvres and "handsome men" who hand out flowers as racers cross the finish. Proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Mission. Visit bnseventmanagement.com. Registration costs \$25 to \$60. Send email

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Sunday, June 30

The Prescott Park (105 Marcy St., Portsmouth) **River House Restaurant Concert Series** will start at 7

Celebrate the Fourth

Wednesday, July 3

Test your lungs in the **HASLAW Manchester Mile & 5K** at Derbyfield Park on Bridge Street in Manchester at 5:30 p.m. The one-mile race, which is considered the fastest mile in the country, begins at 6:19 p.m. All ages are welcome in the 5K. Visit millenniumrunning.com. Registration costs \$15 to \$30. Contact John Mortimer at 512-1976.

Thursday, July 4

Take off on the **Merrimack Sparkler 5K** at 8 a.m. at the Merrimack YMCA, Henry Clay Drive in Merrimack. Visit merrimacktrbc.org/sparkler-5k. Registration costs \$15 by June 30, \$20 after that. Send email to info@sparkler5k.us.

Celebrate the Fourth of July with the **Run for Freedom 5K and 10K** at Pinkerton Academy, 5 Pinkerton St. in Derry at 7:30 a.m. Visit gdtc.org/runforfreedom. Registration costs \$20 to \$30. Contact Rebecca Noe at 491-5185 or send email to mtawanda101@comcast.net.

Celebrate the Fourth of July with the **third annual Revolution Run** in Nashua at 8:30 a.m. The race, which features a 5K and a 10K, will take place at Holman Stadium, 67 Amherst St. in Nashua. Visit rev-run-nashua.com. Registration costs \$35 to \$40. Send email to joy@

p.m., with a performance by Richard Thompson. The series will continue on most Wednesdays during the summer. Suggested donation is \$8 to \$10. Visit prescottpark.org/wednight.cfm.

The **5th Annual T.E.A. Tree 5K/1-Mile Walk/Run** will take

bbbsnashua.org.

Fourth on the Farm, New Hampshire Farm Museum, Route 125 White Mountain Highway, Milton, noon to 4 p.m. The annual celebration includes homemade strawberry shortcake with farm-grown strawberries, music, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, croquet, living history tours of the Jones Farmhouse and visits with the farm animals. \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 4 to 17 and free for children under 4. Call 652-7849 or visit farmmuseum.org.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the **Amherst Town Common** will be home to a Fourth of July celebration that includes an “Artist’s Alley,” with oil paintings, acrylic, watercolor and mixed media work. Styles range from abstract work to traditional scenes of New England.

The **Hopkinton Four on the Fourth** will take place at 9 a.m. at Hopkinton High School on Park Avenue. Visit coolrunning.com. Participants register on race day. Contact George Sabol at 856-8581.

Friday, July 5

The Mill Brook Gallery and Sculpture Garden’s (236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046) **“Fashion Statement”** exhibit opens today and is on view through Sept. 29. The opening reception is on Thursday,

val’s **Orchestra Series** begins with a concert at 8 p.m. at the Hanaway Theatre (114 Main St., Plymouth). The orchestra series will feature a variety of classical music performances. The festival will also host performances at the Hanaway Theatre on Thursday, July 18, Thursday, July 25, Thursday, Aug. 1, Thursday, Aug. 8, and Thursday, Aug. 15. Call 535-2787 or visit nhmf.org for ticket information.

Intown Manchester will host its first concert of this year’s **TD Bank Summer Concert Series** at Veterans Park (Elm Street, Manchester). The concert will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is free. Visit intownmanchester.com.

Field of Dreams (Geremonty Drive, Salem) begins its summer concert series at 6:30 p.m., with the **Good Mem’ries Band**. Admission is free. Visit fieldofdreamsnh.org.

place at Macdowell Lake, 75 Wilder St. in Peterborough, at 11 a.m. The race, which raises money for an English program in Sri Lanka, features a 5K race and one-mile walk. Visit tjstea.com. Registration costs \$20. Call 670-8527.

July 11, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The **On the Green I Arts & Crafts Festival** is at Brewster Academy, 80 Academy Drive, Wolfeboro, 528-4014, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be almost 150 exhibitors showing, with folk art, primitive art, glass art, fine art watercolors, handcrafted furniture, jewelry designs, leather pocket-books, totes, quilts, quilted items, photography, etc. The event continues Saturday, July 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the green Visit joy-craftshows.com.

Saturday, July 6

Deer Tick, The Tan Vampires and The Tripping Souls will perform at the Redhook Brewery (1 Redhook Way, Pease International Tradeport, Portsmouth) at 6 p.m. The show is a Sneakers and Speakers benefit concert for the Rock On Foundation. The show is hosted and curated by Luke and Matt Bonner. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$25 on the day of the concert. Visit sneakersandspeakers.brownpapertickets.com.

The **New Hampshire Music Festival** will host a Pops Concert at 8 p.m. at the Silver Center for the Arts (114 Main St., Plymouth). The theme of the concert is “Journey Across America.” Call 535-2787 or

The Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye) will kick off its **Music by the Sea Concert Series** with Joshua Tree. The music begins at 6 p.m. Admission is \$10 for ages 13 and older, \$2 for ages 3 to 12 and free for children younger than 3. Call 436-8043 or visit seacoastsciencecenter.org.

Friday, July 12

The Majestic Theatre’s **Cinderella** premieres tonight at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall at the Manchester Community Music School, 2291 Elm St., Manchester. Following showtimes are Saturday, July 13, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 14, at 2 p.m.; Friday, July 19, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 20, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$20; call 669-7469.

The Teen Actorsingers present **Urinetown, The Musical**, at the



visit nhmf.org.

The **second annual Arts on the Green** juried fine arts and craft shows is today, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, July 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine, is hosted by the Center for the Arts in New London. More than 35 juried artists will display their work and be on hand to answer questions or explain their techniques at the New London Town Green. Visit center-fortheartsnh.org.

The **4K on the Fourth** will take place at 9 a.m. at NHTI, 31 College Drive in Concord. The race is the first certified 4K course in

the state. Visit g2racereg.webcon-nex.com/4k4th2013. Registration costs \$20 in advance, \$25 on race day. Contact Michael Amarello at 429-8879.

Sunday, July 7

Benefit the Pleasant Lake Protective Association and the New London Fire Department during the **Run for the Lake 5K & 10K** at 8:30 a.m. at The Inn at Pleasant Lake, 836 Pleasant St. in New London. Visit g2racereg.webcon-nex.com/lake5k10k2013. Registration costs \$15 to \$20.

Hot Spot

Funspot

Where: 579 Endicott St., Laconia

Contact: Call 366-4377 or visit funspotnh.com.

About: The world’s largest arcade, Funspot features classic video games to contemporary ones. The Laconia destination also features mini-golf, go karts and the American Classic Arcade Museum.

Thursday, May 30 to Sunday, June 2

Visit the American Classic Arcade Museum, housed within Funspot, for the International Classic Video Game Tournament. The tournament will run from noon to 10 p.m., on Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., on Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Sunday. Registration is \$60 and will provide 250 game tokens. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Main St., Plymouth). “The Wonderful World of the Symphony: How it All Works!” is a classical music concert for the whole family. Call 535-2787 or visit nhmf.org.

Kids between the ages of 5 and 12 can take part in a **fishing derby** at the Horsepond Fish & Game Club (13 Horsepond Ave., Nashua) from 8 a.m. to noon. Call 589-3370 or visit gonashua.com.

Go ahead and support our troops during the **Trot for Troops 5K** at 10 a.m. at Mine Falls Park in Nashua. Visit racewire.com. Registration costs \$25. Contact Ashlie Coull at 438-9854.

Fairs and festivals

Tuesday, July 16

Part of the 2013 Summer Children’s Series, **Rapunzel** shows at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org, 668-5588, today at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Following showtimes are Wednesday, July 17, at 10 a.m., and Thursday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

Thursday, July 18

Concord Market Days, downtown Concord, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursday, July 18, to Saturday, July 20, 226-2150, intownconcord.org. Live music, dance, roller derby and martial arts demonstrations, fire truck pull, food and more. There is no cost.

Stratham Fair, Stratham Hill Park, Route 33, Stratham, Thursday, July 18, to Sunday, July 21, 772-4977, strathamfair.com. The 48th annual fair follows the traditions of old county fairs with 4H exhibits, rides, music, magic, arts and crafts and the Miss Stratham Fair pageant. Admission is \$7, \$4 for kids 12 and under and seniors.

You can soar at the **Hillsboro Balloon Festival** (Grimes Field, Preston St., Hillsboro, balloonfestival.org) today through Sunday, July 22. Hot air balloons, carnival midway, races, dancing, music, fireworks, parade and car show are all a part of the annual four-day event. Parking is \$5 and admission to the festival is free. Some events will have separate admission prices.

Head downhill in the **Downtown Dash** at Memorial Field on Fruit Street in Concord. The race, which is a one-mile fun run, takes place during Concord’s Market Days. Visit ironheartjeremy.com. Registration costs \$18 in advance, \$22 on race day. Contact Jeremy Woodward at 721-2830 or send email to jeremy@ironheartjeremy.com.

Friday, July 19

Watch for balloons at the **Hillsboro Balloon Festival 5K** at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillsboro Fairgrounds on Preston Street in Hillsboro. Visit g2racereg.webconnex.com/balloon5k2013. Registration costs \$20 in advance, \$25 on race day. Contact Michael Amarello at 429-8879.

The **Summer Tradition Arts & Crafts Festival** is today at 10 a.m. at Brewster Academy, 80 Academy Drive, Route 28, Wolfeboro, 528-4014, joyccraftshows.com. More than 100 exhibitors will show their work. Free admission. The event continues

Sunday, July 14

Romp through Horse Hill Nature Preserve for the **Broken Boulder Dash 6K Trail Race** at 10 a.m. at the Preserve, 184 Amherst Road in Merrimack. Visit g2racereg.webconnex.com/boulderdash2013. Registration costs \$20 in advance, \$25 on race day. Contact Michael Amarello at 429-8879.

Swim, bike and run the **Capitol City Triathlon** at 8 a.m. at NHTI, 31 College Drive. The event features a 1/3-mile swim, a 14.75-mile bike ride and a 3.1-mile flat run. Visit capitolcitytriathlon.com. Registration costs \$75 to \$85. Contact Scott Duval at 748-2503.

Saturday, July 20, at 10 a.m., and Sunday, July 20, at 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 20

The **New Hampshire Music Festival’s 603 Series** will begin at 8 p.m. at the Gilford (19 Potter Hill Road, Gilford). The Festival Strings will perform. Call 535-2787 or visit nhmf.org for ticket information.

The **46th Bill Luti 5-Miler** will take place at 9 a.m. at Memorial Field, 70 S. Fruit St. in Concord. The event also features a kids’ fun run. Visit gsrs.com/luti/index.php. Registration costs \$15 to \$25. Contact Bob Teschek at 863-2537.

Take in the grounds of the Beaver Brook Association at the **Beaver Brook Summer 5K** at the Association, 117 Ridge Road in Hollis, at 10 a.m. Visit g2racereg.webconnex.com. Registration costs \$20 to \$25. Contact Michael Amarello at 429-8879.

Enjoy the fair and hit the pavement during the **40th Annual Stratham Fair 5.7-Mile Road Race & Two-Person Relay Race** at 8:30 a.m. at Stratham Hill Park on Route 33. Visit active.com. Registration costs \$18. Contact Gary Rohr at 775-7202.

American Independence Festival, Swasey Park, Exeter, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 772-2622, independencemuseum.org. Join the crowd escorting George Washington down Water Street, see the horseback delivery of the Declaration of Independence and listen to the public reading in historical re-enactments. Visit the Traditional New Hampshire artisans’ village, view the original Dunlap Broadside (one of 26 known copies in the world) and early drafts of the U.S. Constitution. Includes local arts and crafts, food, music, sidewalk

Hot Spot

Weirs Beach

Where: Weirs Beach is located in the northern part of Laconia along Lake Winnepesaukee.

Contact: Visit weirsbeach.com.

About: Weirs Beach comes to life in the summer when its waterslides, boardwalk and waterfront open.

Saturday, June 8, to Sunday, June 16 Laconia Motorcycle Week is one of the largest motorcycle rallies in the country, dating back 90 years. An expected 300,000 motorcyclists are expected to visit Laconia throughout the week.



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sales and children’s activities and fireworks. Cost is \$7, free for children under 10.

Sunday, July 21

National Bottle Show, Radisson Expo Center, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Federation of Historic Bottle Collectors will hold its national show in New England for the first time. The event is expected to consist of more than 250 sales and show tables as well as lectures and seminars, and an auction. Admission is \$5. Call 765-8079.

From Snow White to Shakespeare

Tuesday, July 23

Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs premieres today at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, palace-theatre.org, 668-5588. Following showtimes are Wednesday, July 24, at 10 a.m., and Thursday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

Wednesday, July 24

The Peterborough Players

Bike, run and paddle your way to victory at the **Northeast Delta Dental Merrimack River Trail Triathlon** located behind Buffalo Wild Wings, 6 Loudon Road, Concord, at 10 a.m. The event includes a 4K off-road bike ride, a 3K run and a paddle for fun for all ages. Visit mrgt.org/events.html. Registration costs \$20. Contact Tom Walton at 223-1537 or send email to twalton@nedelta.com.

Nate’s Race 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk will take place at Alvirne High School, 200 Derry Road in Hudson, at 9 a.m. The event features a kids’ fun

run and a flat course. The race raises money for the Nathan Hergenbahn Memorial Scholarship Fund. Visit natesrace.com. Registration costs Call 321-4375 or send email to natesrace@yahoo.com.

The **Hula Hustle 5K and 10K** will take place at 10 a.m. at the Executive Health and Sports Center, 1 Highlander Way in Manchester. The Hawaiian-themed race will benefit New Horizons. Visit millenniumrunning.com/hula. Registration costs \$25 to \$30. Contact John Mortimer at 512-1976.

Theatre (55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, peterboroughplayers.org, 924-7585) presents **Seagull** tonight at 8 p.m. The show runs through Aug. 4. Showtimes are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sundays at 4 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$37.

Thursday, July 25

The Package Tour featuring New Kids on the Block, 98 Degrees and Boyz II Men will visit the Verizon Wireless Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester) at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$29.50 to \$91.50. Call 644-5000 or visit verizonwirelessarena.com.

The 26th Annual Military Vehicle Rally, Center Woods Elementary School, 14 Center Road, Weare, starts today and runs through Sunday, July 27. This event celebrates the preservation of historic military vehicles of all nations and eras. There will be a flea market, food vendors, trail rides, road tours, a lobster clam bake and vehicle displays. No admission fee. Visit mvmvc.org.

The Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) will host a sum-

mer concert on the Plaza at 7 p.m. Jazz vocalist **Brandi Maxam** will perform. Admission is free. Call 589-3370 or visit gonashua.com.

Friday, July 26

The **Lowell Folk Festival** kicks off with a parade at 6 p.m., and performances at the Dutton Street Dance Pavilion and Boarding House Park (40 French St., Lowell, Mass.). Admission is free. Visit lowellfolkfestival.org.

Southern New Hampshire Brewer’s Festival, White Birch Brewing Company, 1339 Hooksett Road, Hooksett, 5 to 9 p.m. Includes a tasting glass program, food from three local restaurants and free parking. Admission is \$60 for a VIP ticket, \$45 for general admission, \$35 for designated drivers. Visit snhbff.com or call 206-5260.

Saturday, July 27

The **19th Canterbury Woodchuck Classic 5K** takes place at 9 a.m. at Canterbury Elementary School, 15 Baptist Road in Canterbury. Visit capitalarearaceseries.com. Registration costs \$17. Send email to brijcol@yahoo.com.

Tear up the trail at the **Bear**



Junior Sisk & Ramblers Choice are among the musicians playing this year at the Lowell Folk Festival on July 26 in Lowell, Mass.

Brook Trail Marathon at 6:30 a.m. at Bear Brook State Park. The 26.7-mile race takes runners throughout the 10,000-acre park and combines fast singletrack sections with challenging climbs and descents. Visit acidoticracing.com. Registration costs \$35. Registration closes on July 25. Send email to rawelts@gmail.com.

55th annual Canterbury Fair, town center, Shaker Road, Canterbury, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring a chicken barbecue and other food, artisan demonstrations, farm animals, live music and performances. Free admission. Visit canterbury-fair.com.

17th annual Show of Dreams, Route 28 and Trotting Track Road, Wolfeboro, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An antique British car show featuring

more than 20 classes and awards in each class. Call 772-1116 or visit bcnh.org.

Shakespeare in the Park in Nashua’s Greeley Park kicks off today with **The Merchant of Venice** at 1 p.m. This free-admission show also runs on Sunday, July 28, at 1 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 3, at 1 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 4, at 1 p.m., and is shown in association with Nashua SummerFun.

The **Suncook Valley Art and Artisan Tour** is from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Granite State artists and artisans will be participating in this self-led tour of artist studios across the area. Maps including the open studios participating are at the Barnstead Town Hall (108 S. Barnstead Road, Barnstead). Visit barndoor-gappottery.com/svaa.html.

A little bit of art and soul

Monday, July 29

Art 3 Gallery’s (44 W. Brook St., Manchester, 668-6650, art3gallery.com) latest exhibition, “**A.I.R.: Abstraction, Impressionism, Representational**,” opens today and will be available for viewing through Nov. 1. The show includes art and sculpture from more than 70 regional artists. An opening and artist reception will occur Thursday, Aug. 1, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 31

75th annual Cheshire Fair, 247 Monadnock Highway, Swansey, Wednesday, July 31, to Sunday, Aug. 4, gates open at noon, cheshirefair.com. The fair features

midway rides, shows, agriculture exhibits, tractor pulls and horse shows. Admission is \$10 for adults (\$7.50 if ordered online), \$6 for senior citizens, \$5 for children ages 5 to 11 and free for kids under age 5.

Soulfest, a “social justice and Christian music festival,” will be at Gunstock Mountain Resort (719 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford) for four days. The headliner for today is Hillsong Live. The headliner for Thursday, Aug. 1, is Newsboys. The headliner for Friday, Aug. 2, is Chris Tomlin. The headliner for Saturday, Aug. 3, is Skillet. Ticket prices range from \$40 to \$150 depending on when they are purchased and for how many days. Call 978-346-4577

or visit thesoulfest.com.

Thursday, Aug. 1

Intown Manchester will host the last concert of this year’s **TD Bank Summer Concert Series** at Veterans Park (Elm Street, Manchester). The concert will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is free. Visit intownmanchester.com.

The town of Exeter will end its Summer Concert in the Park Series with **Bushrod Washington**. The show will be held at Swasey Parkway and will begin at 6 p.m. All Summer Concert in the Park shows are free. Visit town.exeter.nh.us/recreation/summer-concert-series-1.

The Music by the Sea Con-

cert Series at the Seacoast Science Center (570 Ocean Blvd., Rye) concludes at 6 p.m., with **Jumbo Circus Peanuts**. Admission is \$10 for ages 13 and older, \$2 for ages 3 to 12 and free for ages 3 and younger. Call 436-8043 or visit seacoastsciencecenter.org.

Tonight is **Open Doors Manchester**, themed “Tiki Trolley Night.” Various galleries around downtown Manchester will be open to the public from 5 to 8 p.m., free of charge. Two trolleys circulate the same route between 5 and 8 p.m., stopping at each location approximately 30 to 40 minutes. Participating visitors are encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts and

flip-flops. Visit majestictheatre.net/open-doors.php for updates on participating venues.

Friday, Aug. 2

American Idol Live will return to the Verizon Wireless Arena (555 Elm St., Manchester) at 7:30 p.m. Performers include Amber Holcomb, Angie Miller, Burnell Taylor, Candice Glover, Curtis Finch, Jr., Devin Velez, Janelle Arthur, Kree Harrison, Lazaro Arbos, Paul Jolley and Aubrey Cleland. Tickets range from \$33.50 to \$66. Call 644-5000 or visit verizonwirelessarena.com.

The **New Hampshire Music Festival's** 603 Series continues with a Chamber Music concert at 8 p.m., at Anderson Hall at Brewster Academy (80 Academy Road, Wolfeboro). The New Hampshire Music Festival will also host a family concert at 2 p.m. at the Hanaway Theatre (114 Main St., Plymouth). A classical music concert for the whole family, this show is titled "The Four Elements of Music: Composer, Conductor, Musician and You!" Call 535-2787 or visit nhmf.org.

Saturday, Aug. 3

"**Visual Dispatches from the Vietnam War**" opens at the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, currier.org) today. The exhibition includes 30 iconic photographs that brought the Vietnam War "to the kitchen table of every American household," according to the exhibit description, marking it as the first war comprehensively photographed. It will be on view through Nov. 11.

Barnful of Blues will return to the 4H Youth Center in New Boston from noon to 8 p.m. This year's lineup will include Roxanne & The Voodoo Rockers, "Poor Howard" Stith, The Dave Keller Band, Ten Foot Polecats, Chris Fitz, Willie J. Laws Band and Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson. Ticket information is to be determined. Visit granitestateblues.org.

Slap on some mouse ears and go for the record at the **Give the Kids the World Mouse Ears Gathering 5K** at the Rochester Fair-

grounds, 72 Lafayette St., at 8:30 a.m. The race features a world record attempt for the largest group of people wearing mouse ears. The race will take runners through historic Rochester. Registration costs \$20 in advance, \$25 on race day. Visit coolrunning.com. Send email to ncappraisers@hotmail.com.

African/Caribbean Celebration, Veterans Memorial Park, Manchester, times to be announced. The celebration will feature African and Caribbean dancing, food and more. Call 627-4631 for information.

The Actors' Circle Theatre presents **The Two Gentlemen of Verona** in Depot Square Park, Peterborough, at 5 p.m. The shows are free and include free concessions, according to the website, but donations are accepted. The shows continue on Sunday, Aug. 4, at 5 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 10, at 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 11, at 5 p.m. Visit actorscircletheatre.org.

Goffstown's **5th Annual Uncommon Art on the Common** is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Goffstown. The art will hang outdoors along the length of Main Street. Art in photography, watercolor, oil, acrylics, glass, fabric, mixed media, pen and ink, and for the first year, blown glass. This year, there will be a "kids' paint-out," where they'll be able to enjoy the experience of plein air painting. Free admission, handicap accessible, with free parking available on the site. Visit goftownmainstreet.org.

The **80th League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Fair** starts today at the Mount Sunapee Resort in Newbury and lasts through Sunday, Aug. 11, open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$8-\$10. This nine-day event features traditional and contemporary fine craft work by juried members of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen. Visit nhcrafts.org.

The **Second Annual Fine Artists Exhibition** at the Sunapee Landing Trading Company (356 Route 103, Sunapee, 863-2275) is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and lasts through Sunday, Aug. 11. Visit sunapee-landing.com.

at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 18, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$20; call 669-7469.

The **On The Green 2 Arts & Crafts Festival** at Brewster Academy is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event continues Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit joycecraftshows.com.

The New Hampshire Music Festival's 603 Series continues with a full **orchestra and chorus concert** at 8 p.m., at the Capitol Center for the Arts (44 S. Main St., Concord). The series concludes Friday, Aug. 16, with a concert at the same time and place. Call 535-2787 or visit nhmf.org.

Saturday, Aug. 10

The New Hampshire Music Festival will host a Pops Concert at 8 p.m. at the Silver Center for the Arts (114 Main St., Plymouth). The theme of the concert is "**A Big Band Celebration**." Call 535-2787 or visit nhmf.org.

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Tuesday, Aug. 6

Part of the 2013 Summer Children's Series, **The Wizard of Oz** shows at the Palace Theatre yet again, today at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at 80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org, 668-5588. Following showtimes are Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 10 a.m., and Thursday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.


Thursday, Aug. 8

The annual **Cigna/Elliott Corporate 5K Road Race** will take participants through downtown Manchester at 6:20 p.m. starting from Veterans Park on Elm Street. Visit coolrunning.com. Contact Jessica Rhodes at 268-7854.

Friday, Aug. 9

The Majestic Theatre's **Nunset Boulevard** premieres tonight at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall, Manchester. Following showtimes are Saturday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 16,

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Test your limits at the **3rd Annual Monadnock Challenge Sprint Triathlon** at Cunningham Pond in Peterborough at 9:30 a.m. The race features a 0.4-mile swim, a 15.8-mile bike ride and a 5K run. Visit monadnockchallenge.com. Registration costs \$65. Call Erin Lyons at 721-9959, 924-0488 or send email to ejleo22@hotmail.com.

Stretch your legs at the **Monadnock Half Marathon and 5K** at 9 a.m. at the Jaffrey Bible Church, 133 Turnpike Road in Jaffrey. The 5K is a trail race. Registration costs \$55 for the half marathon and \$20 for the 5K. Visit monadnockhalfmarathon.com.

Navigate three miles and 15 obstacles during the two-day **Spartan Sprint-New England** event at Amesbury Sports Park, Seabrook

Greyhound Park, 319 New Zealand Road in Seabrook at 8 a.m. This is Day 1 of a two-part series. Visit spartanrace.com. Registration costs \$77 to \$100.

70th annual Belknap County 4H Fair, Mile Hill Road, Belmont, belknapcounty4hfair.com, Saturday, Aug. 10 (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) to Sunday, Aug. 11 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Features horse shows, midway rides, children's activities, exhibit barn and contests. Admission is \$7 for ages 10 and up. Free for children under 10.

37th annual Alton Boat Show, Alton town docks, 9 a.m. to noon, nhbm.org. The New Hampshire Boat Museum will present an informal, non-judged vintage boat show as part of the Alton Old Home Day. No advance registration necessary

for entries. Free admission. Attendees can vote for the 2013 People's Choice Award.

Sunday, Aug. 11

Swim, run and then do it again at the **AquaRun2** at UNH's Mendum Pond Recreation Area, off Route 4 in Barrington at 9 a.m. The event features a 1/3-mile swim, a 1.5-mile trail run, and a repeat of both the swim and the run. Visit campusrec.unh.edu. Registration costs \$25. Registration closes Friday, July 12. Contact Ed Harvey at 781-789-1032.

The **Epsom Old Home Day 4-Miler** will take place at 8:30 a.m. at Webster Park, 430 Suncook Valley Highway. Visit rrca.org. Send email to dryrun262@msn.com.



The New Hampshire Fisher Cats mascot leads a group of happy fans. Check out nhfishercats.com to find special events happening before or during home games. Courtesy photo.

A few worldly events

Monday, Aug. 12

Hampton Childrens' Festival, Hampton Beach, Monday, Aug. 12, to Friday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. every day, hamptonbeach.org. Highlights include a magic show on Monday, Aug. 12, sandcastle building contest, mini golf, free ice cream, storytellers, balloons and costume parade Friday, Aug. 16, where every child who participates receives a prize. All activities are free. Call the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce office at 926-8717 for more information.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

Part of the 2013 Summer Children's Series, ***Sleeping Beauty*** shows at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org, 668-5588, today at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Following showtimes are Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 10 a.m., and Thursday, Aug. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

Thursday, Aug. 15

The **World Quilt Show** is at the Radisson (700 Elm St., Manchester) and begins on Thursday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. International faculty will present more than 30 workshops and lectures. Visit worldquilt.com. Admission is \$12.

The **Wayne Percy Jazz Quintet** will perform at 7 p.m. at the Nashua Public Library's Summer Concert on the Plaza Series (2 Court St., Nashua). Admission is free. Call 589-3370 or visit gonashua.com.

Friday, Aug. 16

Middle Eastern Festival, hosted by Our Lady of the Cedars Church, 140 Mitchell St., Manchester, Friday, Aug. 16 (5 to 10 p.m.), Saturday, Aug. 17 (noon to 10 p.m.), Sunday,

Aug. 18 (noon to 5 p.m.). Featuring Middle Eastern food and music, with activities for the kids. Visit mahrajan-nh.com.

Saturday, Aug. 17

Enjoy a day of food at a **peach festival and lobster dinner**, Church of Our Savior, 10 Amherst St., Milford, 673-3309, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the peach festival and 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. seatings for the lobster dinner at Lull farm stand, Route 13S in Milford. Reservations required for the lobster dinner.

Head to the **Southeast Asian Water Festival**, Lowell, Mass., lowellwaterfestival.com. The all-day event celebrates the heritage of Lowell's Southeast Asian population with food, crafts, ceremonies and boats races.

The Redhook Brewery (1 Redhook Way, Pease International Tradeport, Portsmouth) will host **Redhook Fest** on location at the brewery. Call 430-8600 or visit redhook.com.

The **34th Annual Londonderry Lundgren Old Home Days 5K** will take place at 8 a.m. at Londonderry High School on Route 128. Visit oldhomedays.com. Contact Larry Martin at lemnhxc@aol.com or call 434-1153. Registration costs vary.

The **60th Annual Greeley Park Art Show** is today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Greeley Park, Concord Street, Nashua. The event continues through Sunday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Every year, artists from all over New England visit the Nashua park and set up their artist stand/booth to display their work to thousands of visitors. Visit nashuaareaartistsassoc.org.

Sunday, Aug. 18

Symphony NH hosts its first **Free Summer Fun Concert** at Holman Stadium, 67 Amherst St., Nashua. Call 595-9156 or visit symphonynh.org for times.

Enjoy the **Moose on the Loose 10-Mile Trail Race & Relay** at Mine Falls Park in Nashua at 9 a.m. The flat, scenic and shaded race takes place at Stellos Stadium, 7 Riverside Drive. Visit g2racereg.webconnex.com/mooseloose2013. Registration costs \$25 in advance, \$30 on race day.

The town of New Boston will conclude its summer concert series from 6 to 8 p.m., at the gazebo on the town common (7 Meetinghouse Hill Road, New Boston). The **Amoskeag Strummers** will perform. Visit newbostonnh.gov/Pages/NewBostonNH_Recreation/concerts.

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Admission: Cost is \$17 per person. Admission is free for kids younger than 23 months.

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Saturday, July 13

Head to the farm between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. for a Teddy Bear Picnic. The event will feature a teddy bear doctor, games and a picnic. The event is included with the price of admission to the farm.

Sports all summer

The **New Hampshire Fisher Cats**, the AA affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays, are back once again this year to take on the rest of the Eastern League. The team plays at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, 1 Line Drive, Manchester, 641-2005, with regular-season home games through Aug. 30. The team begins a three-game home set with the New Britain Rock Cats on Friday, May 24, at 7:05 p.m. Visit nhfishercats.com.

The **Nashua Silver Knights**, a college summer league team boasting some of the area's best talent, is back for its third season this year. The team kicks off its regular home season on Friday, June 7, at 7:05 p.m. at Holman Stadium, 67 Amherst St. In the league's first two years, the Silver Knights took home the championship. The team competes in the Futures Collegiate Baseball League. Call 718-8883. Visit nashuasilverknights.com.

Catch the next big star for the Boston Red Sox before he is a star.

The **Lowell Spinners**, the Red Sox single-A minor-league affiliate, begin their home season on Wednesday, June 19, at 7:05 p.m. against the Connecticut Tigers. Games are played at LeLacheur Park, 450 Aiken St., Lowell, Mass. For tickets and a complete schedule, go to lowellspinners.com.

Ready for some football. Check out the **New Hampshire Freedom**, New Hampshire's full-contact, all-female professional football team. The team, which plays in the Independent Women's Football League and is now in its 12th season, was 1-3 as of press time and was slated to play New England Nightmare on Saturday, June 1, at noon. Home games are played at West Memorial Field, 9 Notre Dame Ave. in Manchester. Tickets cost \$5. Visit iwflsports.com.

Take in all the hits and the excitement of roller derby. **New Hampshire Roller Derby** will be in action on Saturday, June 8, at the JFK Coliseum, 303 Beech St. in Manchester, at 4 p.m. for a double header. Visit nhrollerderby.com.

The **New Hampshire Motor Speedway**, 1122 Route 106 in Loudon, 783-4744, www.nhms.com, boasts a full slate of events this summer, including NASCAR and club events throughout the summer. NASCAR comes to the Speedway on Sunday, July 14, for the New Hampshire 300, a race in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series. Coinciding with Bike Week, the 90th Loudon Classic, the longest running motorcycle event in North America, kicks off Friday, June 14, and runs through Sunday, June 16. **Check out the NH Cycling Club this summer as racers speed around the track at the Speedway throughout this summer. Visit nhcyclingclub.com.**

Touted as America's original riding rally, **Laconia Motorcycle Week** will run from Saturday, June 8, through Sunday, June 16. The event features live music, plenty of bikes, plenty of food and more. Visit laconiamcweek.com.

Now in its 26th year, the **Granite State Senior Games**, an annual series of events for over-50 athletes, will hold events throughout August, including race walking, pickleball, archery and track and field events. Check nhseniorgames.org for dates and registration information.

Summer winds down

Wednesday, Aug. 21

The Peterborough Players (55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, peterboroughplayers.org, 924-7585) present *Absurd Personal Singular* starting tonight at 8 p.m. The show runs through Sept. 1. Showtimes are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m. and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$37.

Saturday, Aug. 24

Jay Geils is best known for his contributions to rock in the J. Geils Band, but has made a name for himself as a jazz guitarist, too. The **J. Geils Jazz Quintet** will visit the Tupelo Music Hall (2 Young Road, Londonderry). Tickets are \$35. Call 437-5100 or visit tupelohall.com.

Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival, Everett Arena, 15 Loudon Road, Concord, Saturday, Aug. 25 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), and Sunday, Aug. 26 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), capitalmineralclub.org. The festival showcases minerals, crystals, lapidary, faceted gems, fossils, jewelry, carvings, displays, and more. Children 12 and under with a parent will be given mineral specimen. Admission

Labor Day weekend

Thursday, Aug. 29

98th Hopkinton State Fair, 392 Kearsarge Ave., Thursday, Aug. 29, to Monday, Sept. 2, Contoocook, 746-4191, hsfair.org. Gates open at 8 a.m. and close at 11 p.m. Demolition derby, midway rides and games, tractor pulls and performances.

Field of Dreams (Geremonty Drive, Salem) concludes its summer concert series at 6:30 p.m., with **The Wayback Machine**. Admission is free. Visit fieldofdreamsnh.org.

Saturday, Aug. 31

Art in the Park at Ashuelot River Park in Keene is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., hosted by the Monadnock Area Artists Association. More than 80 fine artists will exchange and sell their work and run a raffle to fund art scholarships. Visit monadnockareaartists.org. Free admission. The event continues on Sunday, Sept. 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Take in Horse Hill Preserve during the **Blodgett Hill Fox Run 7K** at Horse Hill Preserve, 184 Amherst Road in Merrimack at 10 a.m. Visit g2racereg.webconnex.com/foxrun2013. Registration costs \$20. Contact Michael Amarello at 429-8879.

The **New Hampshire 10-Miler** will kick off at the Lake Massabesic parking lot in Manchester. The race takes runners around the lake. Visit millenniumrunning.com. Registration costs \$35. Contact John Mortimer at 512-1976.

Benefit Concord Hospital's Senior Programs during the first **Race to the Ledges 5K** at 9 a.m. at Granite Ledges, 151 Langley Parkway. Visit g2racereg.webconnex.com/ledges5k2013. Registration costs \$20 to \$25. Call 224-0777.

is \$5 and children 12 and under are free.

The **34th Annual Lakes Region Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival** at 9 a.m. in downtown Meredith. This outdoor juried arts and crafts exhibition and sale features works from more than 80 artists and craftspeople. Visit meredithareachamber.com/artfest.php. No admission. The event continues on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 9 a.m.

The Manchester Artists Associations annual **Art in the Park** is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Park. This free event exhibits work by New Hampshire locals. The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 25. Visit manchestertartists.com. for updates.

Sunday, Aug. 25

11th annual Chili Fest, Pat's Peak, 686 Flanders Road, Henniker, 1 to 5 p.m. Compete in the chili cookoff or just go to sample the entries. There will also be a cookout, other vendors and music from The Mill 96.5 FM. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Visit chilinewhampshire.org.

Sunday, Sept. 1

With a total climb and descent of about 3,000 feet and four mountains to conquer, runners will brave 18 miles of trails at the **Wapack Trail Race** at 9 a.m. in New Ipswich. The course is extremely challenging. Visit wapack.freesevers.com. Registration costs \$15 through Aug. 25, and \$20 after. Send email to Paul Funch at pgfunch@verizon.net.

Monday, Sept. 2

Celebrate Labor Day by testing your lungs during the **Mendums Half Marathon** at UNH's Mendums Pond Recreation Area off Route 4 at 8 a.m. The race features seven laps of an adventure trail, which includes one "huge hill" on each lap. Visit campusrec.unh.edu. Registration costs \$20. Contact Ed Harvey at 781-789-1032.

Mine Falls Trail Race Series

Race yourself each week during the Mines Falls Trail Race series this summer. The no-frills, 12-week series kicks off Monday, June 3, at 6:30 p.m. Races begin at Stellos Stadium. The series consists of 5K and five-mile races each week. The 5K course is flat and takes place on well-groomed trails, while the five-mile course features more varied terrain. The first segment runs for five weeks, and is followed by a relay race on Monday, July 8. A second five-week segment begins on Monday, July 15, and is followed by a handicap race on Monday, Aug. 19. Visit g2racereg.webconnex.com. Registration costs \$4 or \$5 per race. Contact Michael Wade at mwade@ganekarchitects.com.

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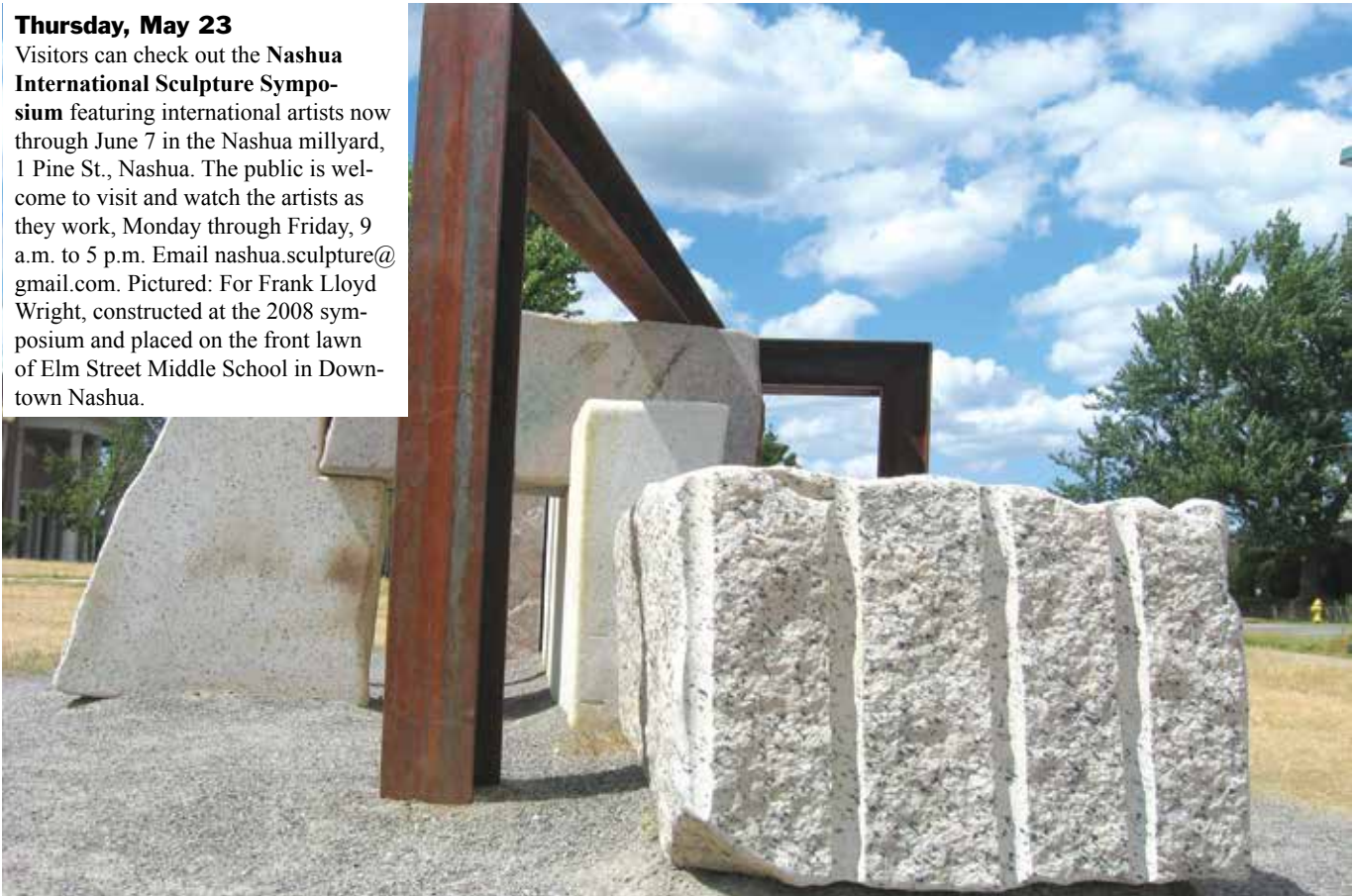


THIS WEEK

EVENTS TO CHECK OUT MAY 23 - MAY 29, 2013, AND BEYOND

Thursday, May 23

Visitors can check out the **Nashua International Sculpture Symposium** featuring international artists now through June 7 in the Nashua millyard, 1 Pine St., Nashua. The public is welcome to visit and watch the artists as they work, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Email nashua.sculpture@gmail.com. Pictured: For Frank Lloyd Wright, constructed at the 2008 symposium and placed on the front lawn of Elm Street Middle School in Downtown Nashua.



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Thursday, May 23

Hank Phillippi Ryan, author of *The Other Woman*, presents “Mixing Fact and Fiction” at the Nashua Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, 7-9 p.m. Call 589-4600 or visit nashualibrary.org.



Sunday, May 26

What’s better than a dance party? A fireworks dance party! Take part in ballroom, Latin and swing dance styles with a view of the Atlas Fireworks Skyshow 21 at Queen City Ballroom (21 Dow St., Second Floor, Manchester) at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$9. Call 622-1500 or visit queencity-ballroomnh.com.



Monday, May 27

Take some time out of your holiday to honor those who served our country at the New Hampshire Veterans Home (139 Winter St., Tilton) Memorial Day Ceremony. **It starts** at 11 a.m. Call 527-4400 or visit nh.gov/veterans.



Friday, May 31

Majestic Theatre presents *Little Shop of Horrors* Fri., May 31, at 7 p.m.; Sat., June 1, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., June 2, at 2 p.m., at the Manchester Community Music School, 2291 Elm St., Manchester. Tickets \$18. Visit majestictheatre.net or call 669-7469.

Free: Garden talk

Master gardener and author Thomas Mickey will discuss “America’s Romance with the English Garden” at the Kelley Public Library (234 Main St., Salem) Wednesday, May 29, at 7 p.m. Call 898-7064 or visit salem.lib.nh.us.

Cheap: Crochet

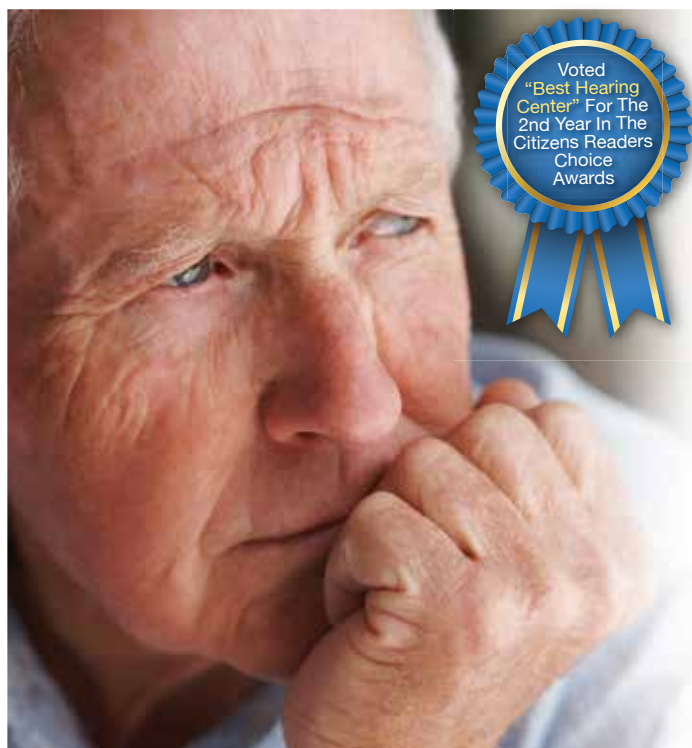
Crochet with Kristen at Kalily Studio (22 Huckins Road, Epsom) Tuesday, May 28, at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 and registration is required. Call 783-6065 or visit kalilystudio.com.

Splurge: Wine and an auction

A wine tasting and auction will be held outside in front of the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) Thursday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Palace Theatre, and tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Call 668-5588 or visit palacetheatre.org.

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ARTS

Bold and catchy

Poster art hits Currier Museum

By Kelly Sennott
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They were dressed in bold designs. They had dynamic composition. Their colors were vibrant. As a general rule, the art of the United States's 1890's "Poster Mania" craze was eye-catching, not easily ignored.

During this time, posters became the middle class's art. People were fascinated with these new posters that popped up around towns, in bookstores, shops and homes. The Currier Museum of Art's upcoming exhibition, "Poster Mania! Leisure, Romance and Adventure in 1890s America," shows that even in 19th century America, people were easily influenced by simple, dynamic designs by creative artists.

"If you didn't have money to collect paintings but were interested in art, this was an easy type of art to acquire and display," said Andrew Spahr, director of collections and exhibitions at the Currier Museum.

They're still catchy, even by today's standards. Simple designs, little text and contrasting colors make it so that these designs can catch your eyes from across the room.

These posters were created before magazines were wrapped in bright illustrations and striking photographs. Prior to this movement, their covers featured text, perhaps that displayed the magazine's name and issue date, but for the most part, magazine cov-

ers were plain.

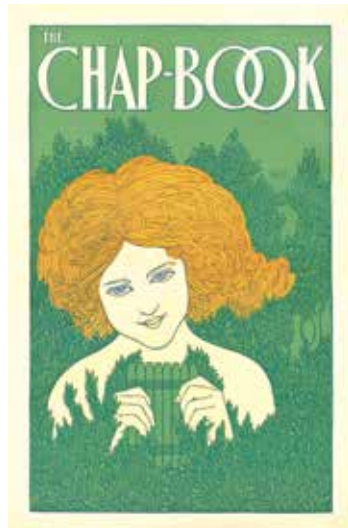
It wasn't until Edward Penfield created his first "art poster" to announce the 1893 issue of Harper's monthly magazine that this craze caught on. Posters by artists inspired by contemporary European art were used to market magazines like The Chap-Book, Harper's and even local publications, such as The Manchester Mirror. They contained few colors but were rapidly produced using high-speed lithography. By 1895, posters were trendy, and people wanted them decorating their spaces. Book publishers, journals and leisure businesses began creating posters, too, and they decorated bookshops, stores, storefronts, streets and homes.

Not only were they less expensive, but they were also more attractive to growing classes of people, especially since more of them could read.

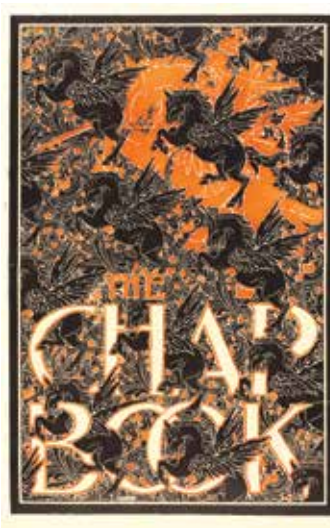
"During this time, there's more emphasis on education than there was before. You have more people who can read, and there's more interest in reading magazines and books," Spahr said.

It was the time of the Industrial Revolution and populations, particularly in the city, were becoming more urbanized. People were looking for more activities to do indoors, Spahr said.

Sprinkled within the exhibit, among the Chap-book, Mother Goose and Harper's posters, are images from the 1890s. Right when you walk in, you're graced with black and white imag-



Chap-Book was one of the magazines included in the 1890's "Poster Mania" craze. Courtesy photos.



See "Poster Mania"

Where: The Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester

When: On view May 24 through Sept. 2.

theatre KAPOW's *Is She His Wife?*: Performed on Sunday, June 9, at 2 p.m. Free with museum admission.

Poster competition: The museum is holding a poster competition in coordination with the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism and the Department of Cultural Resources. Entrants will design posters that complete the sentence, "Live Free and ..." The submission deadline is July 8.

to," Spahr said.

You didn't need a bicycle, just as you didn't need the magazines that posters advertised for. Spahr compared this to today's iPod.

"People didn't know they 'needed' a bicycle until you tried to sell it to them and convinced them they did," he said.

As a result, this became a major part of women's independence, Spahr said. Women could travel on their own, and it became more acceptable for them to do so.

There was one major flaw that cut the poster craze short: in many cases, the posters began selling better than the magazines and books they were advertising. As a result, as they headed into the 20th

century, publishers began incorporating these images into the cover designs of said magazines and books, and thus, the expense of producing posters was no longer necessary.

"I think there's a real, down-to-earth quality to it," said Carey Cahoon, manager of membership and development operations at the Currier, who is performing later this season in a theatre KAPOW show accompanying the exhibition.

She said it's still relevant today.

"After all, aren't we always looking at magazine covers while waiting in lines while shopping?" 🍷

30 Art

Includes listings for gallery events, ongoing exhibits and classes. To get listed, e-mail arts@hippopress.com.

Art events

- **MILFORD KEYES ART FESTIVAL** on Sat., June 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sun., June 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., on the Milford Oval, Milford. Fine art shows, crafts, two performance stages, kids' activities, food booths, artist demonstrations. Visit milfordimprovementteam.org.
- **THE THING IN THE SPRING** arts and music festival downtown Peterborough from Thurs., June 6, through Sun., June 9. Broke: The Affordable Arts Fair, concerts, etc. Week-

end passes \$50. Visit thethinginthespring.com.

- **NASHUA INTERNATIONAL SCULPTURE SYMPOSIUM** for three weeks at the Nashua Millyard, 1 Pine St., Nashua. Three international artists visit and create art for the city. Closing ceremony on Sat., June 8, at 2 p.m., at the corner of Pine St. and Ledge St., Nashua.
- **ARTISANS SPRING INTO SUMMER FAIRE** at 62 E. Washington Road, Hillsborough, on Sat., June 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit hillsboroughartisans.com.

34 Theater

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Continues through Sun., June 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **SUMMER ART AUCTION** at the Manchester City Library's Main Branch, 405 Pine St., Manchester, on Sat., June 8, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Eleven artists are contributing multiple pieces, with potential for three or more. Call 232-6797.
- **ROSE MOON** fundraiser at the UNH Museum of Art, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 Academic Way, Durham, on Sat., June 8, 5-7 p.m. Original drawings,

paintings, prints by selected well-known northern New England artists up for bid and sale. Visit unh.edu.moa/. Advanced reservations recommended; admission \$65. Call 862-3713.

- **LEAGUE OF NH CRAFTSMEN'S FAIR** Sat., Aug. 3, through Sun., Aug. 11, at Mount Sunapee Resort, Newbury. Visit nhcrafts.org.
- **ART 'ROUND TOWN** is held the first Friday of the month (year round) from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Portsmouth. Visit arroundtown.org.

34 Classical

Includes symphony and orchestral performances. To get listed, e-mail arts@hippopress.com.

- **FIRST THURSDAYS** The Currier Museum of Art is open late, 5:30-7:30 p.m., first Thursday of each month with special programs including live music, lectures and film, at 150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144, ext. 108, currier.org.
- **GOOD NEIGHBOR SERIES** Sharon Arts Center is hosting a series of cultural programs at its Exhibition Gallery, 30 Grove St., Peterborough, 924-7676, sharonarts.org. The series will feature presentations by professional artists on the first and third Sat-

urdays of the month, 7-9:30 p.m.

- **PICKER ART GALLERY** will host an open studio/meet the artists day on the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Picker Building, 99 Factory St. Extension, Nashua, 305-6256.
- **THE PISCATAQUA DECORATIVE ARTS SOCIETY** presents its 10th season of lectures and events. Visit pdasociety.org.
- **ZIMMERMAN HOUSE** open for public tours, leaving from the Currier Museum of Art (150 Ash St., Manchester, 669-6144,

• **Uncovered Hooksett Mural:** The Town of Hooksett and the Hooksett Heritage Commission invite residents to the unveiling (or rather, re-unveiling) of two conserved murals of Native American scenes by Amherst artist William Abbott Cheever. These two murals, which were painted in 1974, hung in the Hooksett McDonald's restaurant until 1984, when the restaurant was remodeled and the dining room redecorated. At that time, the paintings were donated to two Hooksett Schools — Underhill and the Village School — until the Village School closed in 2004 and one of the murals was left behind in basement storage. It wasn't until 2011 that this art was uncovered again, and in 2012, the Hooksett Heritage Commission applied for and received a \$6,300 cultural conservation grant administered by the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

currier.org). Offered twice daily. Reservations required. Cost is \$8-\$20, includes same-day museum admission.

- **“SIDE BY SIDE”** two-person art show featuring work by NH landscape painters Sally Ladd Cole and Ellen Davis at McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord. Show runs May 28 through June 28. Reception on Fri., May 31, 5-7 p.m. Call 225-2515, visit mcgowanfineart.com
- **JOHN STARK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT** at New England College, 15 Main St., Henniker, on view May 31 through June 14. Reception on Fri., May 31, 3:30-6 p.m. Features work by emerging artists from all grade levels at the high school.

sett Municipal Office Building, 35 Main St., Hooksett, at which time light refreshments will be served.

• **Business in the Arts:** The New Hampshire Business Committee for the Arts annually presents awards to recognize and honor outstanding businesses that support the arts. At the 29th Annual Business in the Arts Awards gala event on May 13, four were recognized: Hypertherm, Inc., which was lauded for extensive financial and volunteer support for a variety of organizations in the Upper Valley; PixelMEDIA, for its support of 3S Artspace in Portsmouth and Seacoast artistic endeavors; Laconia Harley-Davidson, for promoting and supporting the Winnepesaukee Playhouse; and McGowan Fine Art, for community support and assisting various visual and performing arts organizations. David A. Jensen was named the Leadership Award recipient.

Reception on Thurs., June 13, at
5 p.m.

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- **THE THING IN SPRING**
CONCERT POSTER EXHIBITION at Sharon Arts Center (30 Grove St., Peterborough) June 7 through June 21. Reception on Fri., June 7, 5-7 p.m. Mostly handmade posters using varieties of design methods. Visit thethinginthespring.com.

• **“POSTER MANIA”** is on view at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, through Sept. 2. The exhibition is accompanied by related programming, including *Is She His Wife* by theatre KAPOW on Sun., June 9, at 2 p.m., and “First” Thursday LIVE! with “A Night of Personal Branding: PechKucha Style” on Thurs., July 11, 5:30-8 p.m. Admission \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$8 for students, free for kids. Call 669-6144, visit currier.org.

• **DANA CLEMONS** shows his White Mountain Photography at Kimball Jenkins, 266 N. Main St., Concord, 225-3932, kimballjenkins.com, through June.

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• **"JOHN BONNER: PEOPLE, PUBLIC, PRIVATE"** at McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord, through May 24.

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Here's what you missed

Theater company presents lesser-known Broadway and off-Broadway musicals

By Kelly Sennott
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Not Your Mom's Musical Theater director Jamie Feinberg describes the group's *Something Wonderful I Missed* series as a musical theater kind of concert. Except, of course, you likely won't recognize the majority of the featured songs.

"The idea is to emphasize shows that aren't well-known," Feinberg said.

She highlighted both the hits and the flops in this five-concert series because, she said, "It's also funny watching a real clunker."

This Sunday's performance, *Something Wonderful I Missed: The Musicals of 1973*, is the second in the series. Each concert features work from lesser-known shows during a particular time period — 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993 and 2003 — and audience members will be guided through them by two guest emcees. If they're anything like Feinberg, they might be surprised at the music they missed while reveling in the Broadway hits that shadowed these hidden gems.

"The next concert coming up has really good music. ... I was shocked I had never heard some of it before," Feinberg said.

Two musicals from 1973 caught Feinberg's attention in particular. One was *Raisin*, a musical theater adaptation of the Lorraine Hansberry play, *A Raisin in the Sun*. The musical was nominated for nine Tony Awards and won two, including Best Musical. Songs like "Sidewalk Tree" and "A Whole Lotta Sunlight" will be accompanied by a four-piece band that will show off the early 1970s sound.

Another was *A Little Night Music*, whose "The Miller's Son" will be sung by Jocelyn Duford. This particular song describes



Not Your Mom's Musical Theater presents the shows from 1973 you missed. Courtesy photo.

the things a girl can do before she's married (it isn't explicit, but the lyrics are a bit "wink wink, nudge nudge," Duford said). Duford said the songs from this 1970s concert are much wordier than those from the 1960s concert.

"You can tell the stylistic differences in each decade," Duford explained, noting that the roles have changed too. "In the first concert we did, there weren't many female-heavy shows. I played a guy in two of the songs I sang. ... As we progress through the decades, we see many more great, powerful female solos," Duford said.

Rehearsing for these two-hour shows can be difficult for the actors, who don't get as much information as they normally would while performing in a musical. They don't spend as much time in each character because they have many characters to portray.

As such, because many of the actors

aren't as familiar with these roles, they need to conduct research outside their rehearsal time. As actor Mario Arruda can attest, knowing the context of the show can change the entire meaning of a song.

"There was one song we were working on in the last show that, to me, sounded like a love song," Arruda said. "As it turned out, the two people singing were actually brother and sister, and they were singing about how they were in love with two other characters."

The idea from this series built upon last year's successful *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. But this concert will feature a little more music and a little less talk in response to what audiences said they preferred, Feinberg explained.

"I love lesser-known musical theater, and I'm interested in exposing audiences to musicals that you can see in New Hampshire. There are lots of shows we [the

See Something Wonderful I Missed: The Musicals of 1973

Where: Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry

When: Sunday, May 26, at 4 p.m.

Admission: There's a suggested donation of \$10, \$5 for students, but nobody is turned away if they don't pay. The concert will also feature a "song raffle," in which the winner will be able to choose one of four songs for the cast to sing in "whatever way they like," Feinberg said.

What's next? *The Musicals of 1983* is Sunday, July 14, at 4 p.m.; *The Musicals of 1993* is Sunday, Sept. 8, at 4 p.m.; and *The Musicals of 2003* is Sunday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m.

NYMMT players] love but aren't equipped to do because they require 30 people," Feinberg said. 🍷

Call 225-2515, visit mcgowan-fineart.com.

• **OMER T. LASSONDE: NH MODERNIST** artwork on display at the Discover Portsmouth Academy Gallery, 10 Middle St., Portsmouth, through May 27. Call 436-8433. Free admission.

• **"MOSAIC — EXPLORING OUR MULTICULTURAL NEIGHBORHOOD"** exhibit at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover, 742-2002) on display through May 27. Visit childrensmuseum.org.

• **"FLOW MOTION"** by Nathalie LeMi on view at Loft 27, 27 Jackson St., Lowell, through May 30. Call 978-458-8200.

• **LAUREN POLLARO** May artist of the month at Exeter Fine Crafts, 61 Water St., Exeter. Work on view through the May. Call 778-8282.

• **"ART AND ARTISANSHIP"** NH Furniture Masters and NH Art Association exhibit at the Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, 136 State St., Portsmouth, on view through May 31. Featuring works from 15 Furniture Masters and select NHAA members. Visit nhartassociation.org/levy_gallery.

• **"BLOOM: A CELEBRATION OF SPRING"** at Studio 550, 550 Elm St., Manchester, 550arts.com, 232-5597, through May 31. Exhibition of vessels for flowers: vases, bud jars, pitchers, jars ikebana, containers.

• **"NH AS WE SEE IT"** exhibit at the N.H. State Library, 20 Park St., Concord, through May 31. Visit nh.gov/nhculture, nhartassociation.org.

• **HIGH MOWING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION** through May 31 at

Hilltop Cafe on Abbot Hill Road. Call 654-2391 or visit highmowing.org.

• **"A WOVEN THREAD"** collective of work by Rohingya women at A & E Roastery and Cafe, 135 Route 101A, Amherst. Call 578-3338. Exhibit on view through May, 100 percent of sales go to women who made the art.

• **"GERALD AUTEN: RECKLESS"** at The Studio, 50 Canal St., Laconia, through May 31. Show of Auten's large abstract graphite drawings.

• **"BLOOM"** show of ceramic art for flowers at Studio 550, 550arts.com, 550 Elm St., Manchester, 232-5597. On view through May 31.

• **"OUT TO PASTURE"** May show at the Seacoast Artist Association Gallery, 225 Water St., Exeter. Call 778-8856, visit seacoastartist.org.

• **JOSEE SEVERINO** shows oil paintings, "Whispers of Nature," through May 31 at East Colony Fine Art, 55 S. Commercial St., Manchester. Visit eastcolony.com.

• **"THE VISIONARY ART OF MONTY WHITFIELD"** exhibit at the Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, 136 State St., Portsmouth, May 1 through May 31. Visit nhartassociation.org/robert_lincoln_levy_gallery.

• **KEN HARVEY** exhibit at RE/MAX office/gallery, 2 Ash St., Hollis, through May. Twenty photographs, visit kenharveyphotography.com.

• **"CAMBODIA: A SERENDIPITOUS GIFT OF FATE"** art exhibit by Pat Kennedy Corlin during April and May at the Seacoast Artist Association Gallery, 225 Water St., Exeter. Call 778-8856, email gallery@seacoastartist.org.

• **FICTITIOUS WINE LABEL SHOW** on view through the month of May at The Wine Studio, 53 Hooksett Road, Manchester, thewinestudioh.com.

• **ELLEN FRIEL** shows her flowery work at the Kennedy Gallery, 41 Market St., Portsmouth, 436-7007, through May. Fun, decorative contemporary pieces.

• **JEROME VARNUM** shows his work at the Peterborough Town Library, 2 Concord St., Peterborough, 924-8040, through May. Realistic compositions of people, places, animals, landscapes.

• **JOHN F. VEY** work on view at City Hall (229 Main St., Nashua, nashuaareaartistsassoc.org) as the NAA artist of the month. His work is on view through the end of May.

• **"ABOUT FACE: COMPELLING PORTRAITS"** exhibition of portraits at Brush Art Gallery & Studios, 256 Market St., Lowell, thebrush.org, 978-459-7819, on view April 20 through June 1.

• **NHIA HIGH SCHOOL JURIED ART SHOW** on view through June 1 at Sharon Arts Center gallery, 30 Grove St., Peterborough. Visit nhia.edu, sharonarts.org.

• **BARNEY LEVITT** shows "As I See It" at the Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell, whistlerhouse.org, 978-452-7641, through June 8.

• **"WEATHERING ART"** Creative Expression in the Era of Climate Change at 119 Gallery, 119 Chelmsford St., Lowell, on view through June 8.

• **"JUST CHAIRS"** exhibition at the Furniture Masters' Gallery, 49 S. Main St., Concord, through June 11.



• **New Winnepesaukee Playhouse Debut:** The Winnepesaukee Playhouse’s brand-new theater at 50 Reservoir Road, Meredith, will be open for business next weekend. The theater, located at the former Annalee Doll Complex in Meredith, has been about 12 months in the making, said marketing director Lesley Pankhurst. She said it should be finished by June 1 for a Gala Fundraiser at 6 p.m. (\$75 admission) and a free open house on Sunday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“It’s still intimate. We were going from a really small stage that seated 84 people to one that seats 200, but it’s not a huge auditorium,” Pankhurst said. “We definitely will have the facilities to do more technically. ... Before, the set pieces had to be small, and it definitely impacted our decision-making in the kinds of shows we could do.”

This new theater also presents an entirely different theater-going experience. It’s basically the difference between a wooded country campus and a strip mall, Pankhurst said. The new location houses an outdoor amphitheater, a tented picnic area, food service and walking trails.

“You can stay before or after the show to have a cup of coffee or glass of wine. Before, people came 10 minutes before the show and left directly after,” Pankhurst said.

From the outside, the new theater looks

- **“LIGHTHOUSES, SEASCAPES AND LOTS OF TREES”** collection by Peg Duffin at The Art Experience Gallery, 17 High St., Hampton, on view through June 12. Call 926-0443, email marilyn@artexperienceinc.com.
- **DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS BY PENNY PRICHARD** on view at the Hancock Library, 25 Main St., Hancock, through June 13. Call 525-4411.
- **SEA TO SEA** exhibit of paintings by Portland Oregon artist Amy Ruppel and newly-located Providence RI artist Rachel Blumberg at artstream LLC, 56 N. Main St., Rochester, 330-0333, on view through June 15.
- **“CONTINUING THE TRADITION”** at the League of NH Gallery in the SMILE! building, 49 S. Main St., Concord, through June 19. Handmade fine crafts. Call 224-3375, visit nhcrafts.org.
- **“SPRING QUARTERLY”**

fine art exhibition at The Gallery, 100 Market St., Portsmouth, on view now through July 19. Featuring NH, Maine, Massachusetts artists.

- **“BREATHE.WHITE.LIGHT”** new work by Christina Pitsch and Annie B. Campbell at the Soo Rye Art Gallery, 11 Sagamore Road, Rye, on view through June 21.
- **“TOMIE DE PAOLA: PAINTINGS, ILLUSTRATIONS, AND PRINTS”** on view April 25 through June 23 at the Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046, artsculpt@mindspring.com.
- **CHRISTINA SMITH-KRAUSE** exhibition, “All-of-a-Piece: Present Day Assemblages ... Paintings from Years Past” on display at the Meredith Public Library, 91 Main St., Meredith, 279-4303, through June 21.
- **RON PLANTE** exhibition on

like an old barn, and the lobby preserves that feeling, with wooden ceilings and floors, which were designed to look very rustic. Inside the theater itself, Pankhurst says the design is much more contemporary. The first show, *Noises Off*, premieres June 19. Visit winniplayhouse.org for upcoming shows.

• **Culture OneStop:** New Hampshire has a new conference for arts and culture, Culture OneStop, designed specifically for board members and senior staff at New Hampshire’s cultural nonprofits and library trustees. It will feature hour-long panels addressing issues related to charitable trusts, employment security and labor, insurance, resources and economic development, according to the release. This first meeting is at the Grappone Center (70 Constitution Ave., Concord) on Friday, May 31, from 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. Gov. Maggie Hassan will join nearly a dozen state agency leaders and speakers at this event.

“New Hampshire’s cultural nonprofits help make our state a wonderful place to live and visit, and are vitally important to our economy,” Hassan said in the release. “I’m pleased that so many of our state agencies are participating in Culture OneStop and offering their expertise to these organizations.” Registration costs \$75, which includes panel sessions, lunch and refreshments during breaks. Visit nh.gov/nhculture.

• **Pinnacle award:** The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce awarded the Pinnacle Award to Red River Theatres as the Chamber’s 2013 Nonprofit Business of the Year. The Pinnacle Award recognizes businesses and individuals that have demonstrated professional excellence and commitment to the Chamber and community.

— Kelly Sennott

view through June 28 at the Nashua Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, in the lower Image Gallery of the library. Visit nashualibrary.org. Paintings and drawings.

- **ABIGAIL ANNE NEWBOLD: CRAFTING SETTLEMENT** on display at the Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester, through July 14. Museum admission \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$8 students, free for children. Visit currier.org, call 669-6144, ext. 108.
- **“CONTAINERS”** exhibit in the Contemporary Art Gallery at the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, 18 Highlawn Road, Warner, 456-3244, on view through July 14. Visit indianmuseum.org.
- **“CROSSING THE LINE”** on display at the Art 3 Gallery, 33 W. Brook St., Manchester, 668-6650, through July 12.
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- **"MARINE PAINTINGS AND OBJECTS"** exhibit at New Hampshire Antique Co-Op, 323 Elm St./Route 101A, Milford, 673-8499, April 21 through Sept. 30.

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- **COMEDY UNPLUGGED** written and directed by G. Matthew Gaskell at the Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, 436-8123, on Fri., May 24, at 8 p.m.; Sat., May 25, at 8 p.m., and Sun., May 26, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$15. Visit playersring.org, call 436-8123.

- **THE NERD** by Garrison Players Arts Center, Route 4, Rollinsford, on Fri., May 24, at 8 p.m.; and Sat., May 25, at 8 p.m. Visit garrisonplayers.org.

- **TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA** presented by NH Theatre Project at West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth, Fri., May 24, at 7 p.m.; Sat., May 25, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., May 26, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$20. Call 431-6644, ext. 5, or email reservations@nhtheatreproject.org.

- **AYIN-I-JEM** with Christopher Briggs at the Mariposa Museum (26 Main St., Peterborough, 924-4555, mariposamuseum.org) Fri., May 24, at 7 p.m. Sufi ceremony of poetry, music and expressive turning. Admission \$10.

- **SOMETHING WONDERFUL I MISSED: THE MUSICALS OF 1973** at the Derry Opera House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry, on Sun., May 26, at 4 p.m. Featuring lesser-known selections from the 1973 musical theater season 40 years ago. Suggested donation of \$10, \$5 for students; no one is turned away at the door.

- **CINDERELLA** presented by Dimensions in Dance on Sat., June 1, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, palacetheatre.org, 668-5588. Tickets \$16.

- **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** presented by the Majestic Theatre on Fri., May 31, at 7 p.m.; Sat., June 1, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., June 2, at 2 p.m., at The Manchester Community Music School, 2291 Elm St., Manchester. Tickets \$18. Visit majestictheatre.net or call 669-7469.

- **THE 25TH ANNUAL PUT-NAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE** at the Rochester Opera House, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, 332-2211, rochesteropera-house.com, June 6 through June

STUDENT ART



Thirty emerging artists from John Stark Regional High School will be featured in an exhibition coordinated by the school and New England College alumna Devon Mozdierz, who now teaches and works in the Master of Fine Art program at the University of

Idaho. Paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, sculpture and mixed media pieces will decorate the walls at the New England College Gallery, 15 Main St., Henniker. "It is absolutely thrilling for me to work with students from John Stark in the New England College Gallery," Mozdierz said in a press release. "It ties so many pieces together in my journey as an artist ... my time as a student artist at John Stark and New England College now entwined with my studies at the University of Idaho." The exhibition is on view May 31 through June 14, and with a reception Friday, May 31, from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

16. Tickets \$15-\$25.

- **BROADWAY'S NEXT HIT MUSICAL** at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord, on Thurs., June 6, at 7:30 p.m. Call 225-1111, visit ccanh.com. Tickets \$35-\$50.

- **SWEENEY TODD: THE DEMON BARBER OF FLEET STREET** at Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow St., Portsmouth, 433-4472, runs Thursdays-Sundays, June 7 through July 13. Call for tickets.

- **SPANK: THE 50 SHADES PARODY** on Sun., June 2, at 7:30 p.m., at the Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. Tickets \$45. Call 225-1111, visit ccanh.com.

- **BRITISH INVASION** at the Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester, 668-5588, June 7 through June 22. \$15-\$45.

- **THE WIZARD OF OZ** presented by the Palace Youth Theatre, at 80 Hanover St., Manchester, on Tues., June 11, at 7 p.m.; Wed., June 12, at 7 p.m.; Fri., June 28, at 7 p.m.; and Sat., June 29, at 7 p.m. Tickets \$12 for adults, \$8 for children.

- **BLITHE SPIRIT** on Fri., June 21, at 7 p.m.; Sat., June 22, at 7 p.m.; Fri., June 28, at 7 p.m.; Sat., June 29, at 7 p.m.; and Sun., June 30, at 2 p.m., presented by Majestic Theatre, majestictheatre.net, 669-7469, at Manchester Community Music School's Holy Cross Hall, 2291 Elm St., Manchester. Tickets \$10-\$17.

- **SAY GOODNIGHT GRACIE** at the Peterborough Players Theatre, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough, 924-7585, shows June 26 through July 27. Shows are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m., Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Tickets \$37. Visit peterboroughplayers.org.

CLASSICAL LISTINGS

- **DISCOVER THURSDAYS PERFORMANCE SERIES** at the Discover Portsmouth Academy Gallery, 10 Middle St., Portsmouth. Featuring Dan Blakeslee on Thurs., May 23; and Portsmouth Underbelly Unplugged on Thurs., May 30. All shows are at 7 p.m., and admission is \$12.

- **NASHUA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** concerts on Sat., June 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the Judd Gregg Hall, Nashua Community College, 505 Amherst St., Nashua, and Sun., June 2, at 7 p.m., in Milford Town Hall, One Union Square, Milford. Tickets \$15. Visit nco-music.org, call 566-6024.

- **FREE SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARK** sponsored for the Town of Auburn at the Circle of Fun Playground Gazebo, Route 121, Auburn. Brickyard Blues Band perform on Thurs., June 27, 6-8 p.m. Wild Card performs on Thurs., Aug. 22, 6-8 p.m.

- **MANDOLIN & GUITAR: ICONS OF THE AMERICAN IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE** concert by August Watters and Jose Manuel Lezcano at the Mariposa Museum, 26 Main St., Peterborough, on Sun., Aug. 28, at 3 p.m. Admission \$15. Call 924-4555.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE Teeing off

A little bit Frisbee, a little bit golf

By Cory Francer
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In his hometown of Austin, Texas, there were 30 disc golf courses, but when Marty Vaughn settled in Canterbury, he couldn't find a place to play. So he made his own.

Vaughn cut 18 holes into 32 acres of his property. He installed tee boxes and baskets and filled his woods with the familiar sound of flying discs rattling the baskets' metal chains. He opened Top O' the Hill Disc Golf in May 2011.

"When I came up here, all I was thinking was, 'I want to play disc golf in my backyard,'" Vaughn said. "When my youngest kid left, I was on it."

The game is one of the fastest-growing sports around, Vaughn said. It's played along the same guidelines as regular golf, or ball golf, as disc golfers refer to it. Golfers start at a tee box and toss a flying disc toward an elevated basket at the end of the hole. Instead of sinking a little white ball into a cup, the goal of disc golf is to land the disc into a basket in as few throws as possible.

While the rules are the same, the appearance is drastically different. Instead of lush greens and wide-open fairways, disc golfers at Top O' the Hill will find themselves walking through the woods on their way to each basket. And trees aren't just in the rough in disc golf. They dot the fairways too, creating what can become a frustrating obstacle.

"It's amazing how [discs] are drawn to the trees," Vaughn said.



A disc golfer approaches the basket at The Woods at Beauty Hill. Courtesy photo.

Like ball golf, Vaughn said disc golf can be a relaxing escape. He said players are generally laid back, and that's the approach he takes to Top O' the Hill. He said he's on the course for much of the day and will offer advice to beginning players. On the off chance he is not on the course, players pay by the honor system, dropping their \$5 fee in a slot attached to the course's pro shop.

Lisa Prizio's course operates the same way. As the librarian at the Chichester Town Library, she said she can't spend her days on her course in Barnstead. But, she said, in the seven years The Woods at Beauty Hill Disc Golf Course has been open, it has been exciting to see the game grow in popularity.

Prizio's course hosts two tournaments each year with up to 70 people playing multiple rounds during the day. She said it has also been exciting to see families coming out to the course together to

enjoy a round.

"If you have little kids that come, we hide items on each hole like an I Spy game," Prizio said.

Prizio said there are the avid disc golfers that come equipped with the skills, knowledge and a bag full of discs to play a competitive game. She also sees those who are new to the sport and need to borrow the course's loaner discs to get started.

No matter what the skill level, Prizio said, disc golf can be a relaxing yet active way to spend a day outside.

"You have people that drive by that had wanted to play for years," she said. "It can become addicting and people really love it because it's so quiet and peaceful. ... Then there are people who play seriously and come with bags with 17 discs in the bag."

While Vaughn's and Prizio's courses were constructed on their properties as havens for disc golf-

ers, southern New Hampshire is also home to a free public course. The town of Pelham operates a course in Muldoon Park in the northern part of town.

Pelham Parks and Recreation Director Brian Johnson said the course has been completely redesigned in the last two years, and in that time the number of players visiting the park has significantly increased.

"A unique factor is that you see courses on wide open fields, but ours is a sharpshooter course," he said. "The fairways are narrow and there are a lot of trees."

With its affordable prices and accessibility, Vaughn said disc golf is a game anyone can play. On his 18 holes, he's seen kids and senior citizens and representatives from just about any profession.

"It varies from CPAs to musicians," he said. "It is the blue-collar sport." 🍌

Play Disc Golf In southern New Hampshire

Top O' The Hill Disc Golf
Where: 68 Southwest Road, Canterbury
When: Open daily, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pro shop hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cost: \$5 per round, or \$8 to play all day.
Contact: Call 783-4471 or visit topothehilldiscgolf.com.

The Woods at Beauty Hill
Where: 557 Beauty Hill Road, Barnstead
When: The course is open from sunrise to sundown and the shop is

open on the weekends.
Cost: \$5 for one round and \$8 to play all day. Season passes are available \$140.
Contact: Call 724-4027 or visit discgolfcourseconcord.com.

Muldoon Park Disc Golf Course
Where: 27 Muldoon Parkway, Pelham
When: Open daily from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Loaner discs are available at Hillside Country Store, across the street from the park.
Cost: Free.

Contact: Visit pelhamweb.com/recreation/disc_golf_course.htm

Bellamy Park Disc Golf
Where: Bellamy Road, Dover
When: Open year round from dawn until dusk
Cost: Free
Contact: Visit bellamyparkdiscgolf.weebly.com.

Mount Sunapee 18-Hole Championship Disc Golf
Where: 1398 Route 103, Newbury
When: The schedule varies throughout the season, check the

website for dates. The course is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cost: \$8 to play, \$5 to rent discs.
Contact: Call 763-3500 or visit mountsunapee.com

Pinnacle Disc Golf Course
Where: Newport Middle & High School (245 N. Main St., Newport). The first tee box is at the northeast corner of the tennis courts.
When: Open daily.
Cost: Free
Contact: Visit newportrec.com

HAVE A SEAT, TREKKIES



With the new Star Trek movie now in theaters, Trekkies nationwide will be rushing to their local cinemas. But, at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (2 Institute Drive, Concord), fans can actually sit in chairs used in the set of Geordi La Forge's room in Star Trek: The Next Generation. Jeanne Gerulskis, the museum's executive director, said she was able to purchase the four chairs and a costume worn by character Janice Rand. In addition to the Star Trek display, Gerulskis said the museum has displayed science fiction toys from Star Trek, Star Wars, GI Joe and more that have been loaned to the museum by community members. Gerulskis said she is excited to give fans the opportunity to actually interact with a portion of the Star Trek set.

"Most museums would put that behind plexiglass," Gerulskis said. "But we thought, wouldn't it be fun to sit in a chair from the set?"

The Discovery Center is open Thursday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$7 for ages 3 to 12, \$9 for ages 62 and older and \$9 for students age 13 through college. Call 271-7827 or visit starhop.com. Pictured: The Star Trek set chairs at the Discovery Center. Photo courtesy of Tim Taber.

CHILDREN & TEENS

Events

• **RIVER ANIMAL BABIES** at Amoskeag Fishways (6 Fletcher St., Manchester) Thurs., May 30, 9:30-11 a.m. and 12:30-2 p.m. For ages 4 and 5. Learn about the baby animals that live around the Merrimack River. Cost is \$8 per family. Call 626-3474 or visit amoskeagfishways.org.

• **FAMILY FISHTRAVAGANZA** at Amoskeag Fishways (6 Fletcher St., Manchester) Fri., May 31, 7-8 p.m. Learn about migrating fish and play fish games. Call 626-3474 or visit amoskeagfishways.org.

• **MOTHER AND DAUGHTER TEA** at St. Joseph Hospital (172 Kinsley St., Nashua) Sun., June 2, 1-4 p.m. For girls between the ages of 9 and 13, learn how mothers and daughters can better communicate about changes girls experience when growing up. Cost is \$35 and registration is required. Call 595-3168 or visit stjosephhospital.com/classes.

• **TRAIN TIME** at the Children's Museum of New Hampshire (6 Washington St., Dover) Sun., June 9, noon-3 p.m. The

museum will have train-themed events throughout the day and families will be shuttled from the museum to the Dover Rail Yard, where there will be more activities. Admission is \$9 for adults and children, \$8 for seniors and free for children younger than 12 months. Call 742-2002 or visit childrens-museum.org.

• **SUMMER SAFARI** at Beaver Brook Association (117 Ridge Road, Hollis) Mon., June 17 to Fri., June 21 and Mon., June 24 to Fri., June 28. For 4-year-olds, play nature games, make nature crafts and explore on the trails. Call 465-7787 or visit beaverbrook.org.

• **AMAZING ANIMALS** at the Concord Public Library (45 Green St., Concord) Fri., June 21, at 10:30 a.m. Learn about animals that live underground, dig and burrow. Critters 'N Creatures of Merrimack will be on hand with live animals. Admission is free but tickets are required. Call 225-8670 or visit concordnh.org.

• **KIDZFEST** at McGregor Park (64 E. Broadway, Derry). On Fri., June 28, at 8 p.m., there will be an outdoor movie. On Saturday,

June 28, from 2-5 p.m., a Kidz Carnival will feature games, prizes, bounce houses and more. On Sunday, June 29, there will be Family Church at 10 a.m. The event is hosted by LifeWay Church in Derry. Visit lifeway-church.net.

Summer camps

• **ALEX HIGGINS MEMORIAL SPACE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP** offered through the McAuliffe-Shepard Center. New Hampshire residents between the ages of 9 and 18 can apply for a scholarship to attend space camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. Applications can be found online at starhop.com.

• **BEAVER BROOK SUMMER NATURE CAMP** at the Beaver Brook Association (117 Ridge Road, Hollis). Summer day programs are offered on a variety of topics throughout the summer. Programs are available for ages 4 to 16. Call 465-7787 or visit beaverbrook.org.

• **BEGINNER SUMMER MEDIA CAMP** at the Londonderry Access Center (281 Mammoth Road, Londonderry) Mon., July 15, to Fri., July 26, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For grades 5 through 8. Learn about video production and creating a television show. Admission is \$30 for the two-week program. Space is provided to Londonderry residents first. Call 432-1147. The access center will also offer an Advanced Summer Media Camp for grades 6 through 9 from Monday, Aug. 5, to Friday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This camp is \$35 and campers must have completed the beginner camp.

• **CAMP STARFISH** 12 Camp Monomonic Road, Rindge, 899-9590, features day and overnight camp options for ages 5 and older with emotional, behavioral, social and learning difficulties.

• **CAMP WITZEL** at Riddle Brook Elementary School (230 New Boston Road, Bedford) Mon., June 24 to Fri., Aug. 9. The camp is for ages 6 to 12 and will feature weekly themes and field trips. Call 472-5242 or visit bedfordreconline.com.

• **CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF NEW HAMPSHIRE** 6 Washington St., Dover, will offer summer day camps in June, July and August, with programs for ages 4 through 12. Cost vary depending on program. Call 742-2002 or visit childrens-museum.org.

• **MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE** (1066 Front St., Manchester) has an art camp for grades 1 through 5 that runs from Mon., Aug. 5, through Fri., Aug. 9, and from Mon., Aug. 12, through Fri., Aug. 16, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. A science camp for grades 1 through 5 is available Mon., June 24, through Fri.,

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Make stuff

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Get creative with ice cream at Nuthin' But Good Times (746 DW Highway, Merrimack) on Friday, May 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. The indoor playground will host a **make-your-own-sundae** event with all sorts of toppings. There will be a \$3.50 charge to participate. Call 429-2200 or visit nuthinbutgoodtimes.com.

Spend your Saturday partying with paint. Visit Paint pARTy (63 Range Road, Suite 204, Windham) for a **squirrel painting project** on Saturday, May 25, at 10 a.m., or 3 p.m. The parties last for an hour and a half and cost \$25 to attend. Call 912-5441, email sfbartist@gmail.com or visit paintpartynh.com.

Disney and Dr. Seuss

It will be a special storytime at the Manchester Barnes & Noble (1741 S. Willow St., Manchester) on Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m. The event will feature an activity and a NOOK "apptivity" based on the classic Dr. Seuss book *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*. Call 668-5557 or visit bn.com.

You don't have to go to Disney to **meet Mickey and Minnie**. The world's most famous mice will visit Cowabunga's (1328 Hooksett Road, Hooksett) on Friday, May 24, at 4 p.m. At 4 p.m., Mickey and Minnie will participate in a photo session, followed by Simon Says and other games with Mickey. Then, at 6 p.m., test your Disney knowledge with trivia with Minnie. Admission is \$10 for kids and free for adults and babies. Call 625-8008 or visit mycowabunga.com.

Party on

The Auburn Moms' Club **Memorial Day Bazaar** returns to the Wayne R. Eddows Memorial Fields (Priscilla Lane, Auburn) on Sunday, May 26, from 3 p.m. to dusk. Celebrate Memorial Day with a petting zoo, clowns, bounce houses, live music, a reptile farm and more. The bazaar will end with a fireworks display. Admission will be a \$2-per-person donation at the door. Visit auburnmomsclub.org/2013_Memorial_Day_Bazaar.php.

Kids with a mind for motors can check out the **Gate City Corvette Club's 33rd annual Spring Fling** event on Sunday, May 26. Cars will be displayed throughout the day at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery (221 DW Highway, Merrimack) and will feature Corvette coupes and roadsters and other classic sports cars. For those who may not be quite as interested in the classic cars, there will be tours, live music and visits with the famous Budweiser Clydesdales. Visit gatecitycorvetteclub.com.

Catch a game

Head to a ball game and go home with a Pillow Pet. The first 1,000 kids through the gates at the **New Hampshire Fisher Cats' game** on Sunday, May 26, will receive a Pillow Pet courtesy of Northeast Delta Dental. The game begins at 1:35 p.m. and will see the home team take on the New Britain Rock Cats. Be sure to stick around after the game too, because kids will be allowed on the field for Kids Run the Bases. Tickets range from \$6 to \$12. Call 641-2005 or visit nhfishercats.com.

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If you're celebrating the Memorial Day weekend at Canobie Lake Park (85 N. Policy St., Salem) be sure to stop by the Midway Stage at 10 a.m., noon or 2 p.m., for some **Extreme Science**. These presentations made by the Canobie Institute will feature science experiments and demonstrations. The series runs daily through Friday, June 21. Call 893-3506 or visit canobie.com.

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• **MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY** (530 S. Porter St., Manchester). Camp runs from Monday, July 15, through Friday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Take part in technology-based activities and learn about careers in the field. Enrollment is \$49 and is open to seventh- and eighth-grade students. Call 624-6490, ext. 210, or visit <http://mst.mansd.org>.
• **MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP** at Bow High School (32 White Rock Hill Road, Bow) Mon., June 24, to Sat., June 29. The final presentation will be *The Little Mermaid*. For registration forms, visit Bow Parks and Recreation (3 Bow Center Road, Bow) or email dunn.t@comcast.net.

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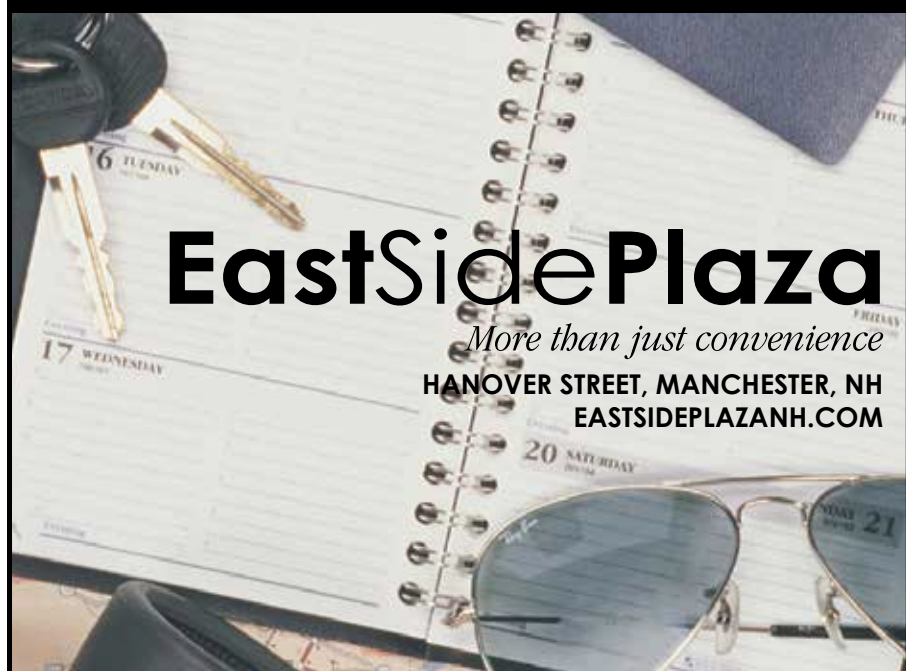
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Donna,
Would you know of an artist Rogers or Roger S. from Maine and southern Canada? I have this oil painting that depicts a winter scene much like a time many years ago. I had come upon this as a teenager snowshoeing in the Maine woods. I wonder what the value could be and if it is worth insuring? I don't know anything of the artist, and I would like to know more.

David Provencher

Dear David,
It's very hard to find all artists out there. Even though some did great work, there may be little known about them. My question to you is, could this be a print and not an actual painting?

Sometimes people think because the print is signed it's an oil painting. But some artist did do paintings and then prints were made of their paintings. So I think confirming it is an oil painting is important. Then more research will be needed.

I did some research and did not come up with any that looked like this work under Roger, But I did find a K. Roger with similar work in oil, and the signature did seem to match, except that yours does not have the K, but even then it was only one painting and the value was under \$100.

My suggestion to you is to bring it to someone local where you make sure it is



a painting, and then search online for his name and similar work. Even if this is a painting, he might not have done enough to be written about. It does look by the framing that it could have been done in the 1930s or later, if it's still in an original frame.

There is a lot to consider, so showing it to someone who specializes in art is the best way to go.

Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser, an instructor and a licensed auctioneer. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE GARDENING GUY

May flowers

A few springtime favorites

By Henry Homeyer
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Like most gardeners, I rejoice in spring. New leaves on trees have a special hue; the grass is finally green; flowers of every persuasion are in bloom. So we trundle off to the garden center and buy flowers and plant them. Here are some flowers I am enjoying in May, including a few you might not have in your garden.

I know most of you don't like Latin names of flowers, but they are useful for precisely naming flowers, and for showing relationships. The scientific genus Dicentra is in its full glory now: *D. spectabilis*, *D. eximia*, *D. cucularia* are three species in bloom for me.

The first one (*D. spectabilis*) is spectacular, as its Latin name indicates. I have some plants that stand up to 3 feet tall and wide, and it can have dozens of flower stems at once. You probably call it bleeding heart — though some call it "a living Valentine," which is appropriate since the strands of pink flowers are shaped like cut-out hearts with little appendages hanging down, perhaps drops of blood from a broken heart. It also comes in a pure white variety, a sub-species with the epithet 'alba' appended to its name.

Bleeding hearts will grow in full sun but do better in part sun or dappled shade and rich, lightly moist soil. Full afternoon sun will make them run through the bloom cycle more quickly, and the foliage will turn yellow well before autumn.

Fringed bleeding heart (*D. eximia*) is shorter and less showy. It is a shade plant that will bloom on and off all summer, which is unusual for a perennial. The flowers come in shades of pink to reddish, and there is also a white variety. Although it is often called wild bleeding heart, I have only seen it in the woods a few times. Its foliage is very nice — it is highly incised and frilly.

The last of the three, *D. cucularia*, is commonly known as Dutchman's breeches for the white flowers which resemble pants hanging on a clothesline. It is a true wildflower, but is sold at a few good nurseries. It is what is called a spring ephemeral: it comes up, blooms, and the foliage disappears after a few weeks. I pronounce its species name cuckoo-laria, which to me is a humorous name for a flower. "Cuckoo, cuckoo" I call out to it when I see it blooming. (See, aren't you liking Latin better? It can be fun to use.) Mine grows in the shade of an old apple tree in damp, rich black soil.

If you have a mature apple tree, it is a great place for growing primroses. In mid-May I have several species growing under mine, including a fabulous magenta-col-



Bleeding Heart. Henry Homeyer photo.



Primula kisoana. Henry Homeyer photo.

ored one that has no common name, so you will have to ask for it by its Latin name, *Primula kisoana*. Or you can call it the kissing primrose, I suppose, since the species name starts off with "kiss" (*Kiss-o-ana*). But at the garden center they will not know it by that name, only the Latin. I got mine at Cider Hill Gardens in Windsor, Vt.

Primroses are low plants that grow in clumps that I have in all colors except blue. Most do best in shade or part shade, and many will grow in dry shade — though moist soil is better for most. Coming along soon I will have the candelabra primroses (*Primula japonica*), which indicates they were introduced from Japan). These are the tallest of my primroses, reaching up to 18 inches or so. They have three tiers of blossoms sticking out off a tall straight stem sort of like the spokes of a wagon wheel, and come in at least three colors: white, pink, deep red.

For the past six weeks or more I've had various colors of lungwort (*Pulmonaria longifolia*) blooming. Lungwort is a dreadful name for a lovely flower, so I call it by its Latin genus, *Pulmonaria* (pronounced Pull-mon-aria). It starts very early and blooms for a long time; it comes in a variety of colors: blue, peach, pink and combinations of those. It spreads by root, filling in dark, shady places that many flowers would

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Dear Tom and Ray:
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Thank you. — Bill

TOM: We normally would use genuine parts in a situation like this, because on this job, the difference in our cost for the parts probably is \$100. But I wouldn't be afraid to use good aftermarket parts on a car with more than 100,000 miles on it. They'd probably be fine. In fact, sometimes they're the exact same parts.

RAY: But since the difference in the parts price is small, there has to be something else to explain why the dealer's price is triple the independent mechanic's.

TOM: Like, he's got a bigger boat he's trying to pay off.

RAY: Could be. But it also could be that these two shops have different definitions of the term "timing belt change."

TOM: For instance, when we replace a timing belt, we always replace the water pump, too. Why? Because the water pump is run by the timing belt. And if the water pump were to seize up a week after you got the timing belt replaced, you'd need, what? Another new

timing belt. And wouldn't that tick you off?

RAY: When the timing belt is already off, most of the labor to change the water pump is already done. So you're not adding much more than the cost of the part: the water pump itself. And with 100,000 miles on a car, you'd be crazy not to put in a new water pump while you have access to it.

TOM: On a car like this, that has double overhead cams, we'd also take off all the sprockets and replace all four cam seals while the belt is off. Why? First of all, they're as old as the belt, and you have easy access to them while the timing belt is off. And second, if one of them leaks two months from now, the customer's going to try to blame us. So we avoid that potential conflict by making it part of the job.

RAY: If we were doing a job like this, on your car the price probably would be somewhere around \$1,200. So the Subaru dealer may be charging too much, but the other guy may be charging too little — because he's not doing enough.

TOM: So, get a better accounting from each of these shops as to exactly what it proposes to do.

Dear Tom and Ray:

My uncle owns a 2001 Lincoln Town Car. A few days ago we had a real bad storm, and the tree that was about 7 to 10 feet away from the car was hit by lightning. The bolt grazed the tree and hit down on the ground on a root that was only 4 feet from the car. After the lightning hit, we found the headlights on. We were unable to turn the headlights off using the switch. We had to disconnect the battery cables in order to get the headlights off. Could the car have been hit by lightning also? How would we be able to find out if the car actually was struck by lightning? — Shannon

TOM: How can you tell if your car has been hit by lightning? Well, if the headlights are permanently fused in the "on" position, that's a good indicator.

RAY: Or if you start discovering, during the next few days and weeks, that other electronic components no longer function, or function incor-

rectly. ... My guess is that somehow, the headlight relay got energized, and its contacts melted and fused together, so it could not be disengaged by the switch.

TOM: I'd guess that replacing the headlight relay will allow you to operate the headlights normally again. The question is, Was anything else affected?

RAY: The worst-case scenario is that the voltage surge fried your computer and some wiring harnesses. That would keep the car from running at all, and would be expensive to repair.

TOM: But there are plenty of other, smaller, insults that can be caused by proximate lightning. So have Unc test all of his lights, blinkers, accessories, etc. And make sure he can still get the Frank Sinatra station on his AM radio (we know 2001 Town Cars come hardwired to that station from the factory). Good luck, Shannon!

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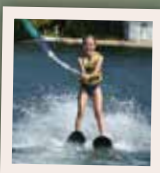


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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Stop and smell the flowers

Lilac festival highlights historic Portsmouth

By Cory Francer
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A classic coastal New England mansion, the nation's oldest lilacs and a stunning view of the ocean have drawn artists to Portsmouth for hundreds of years. Though the Wentworths and Coolidges have long since left the Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion, for decades the start of spring has been marked by a celebration of the lilacs that bloom year after year at the picturesque location.

The Lilac Festival will be held at the mansion on Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year, Margie Eames, the executive director of the Wentworth-Coolidge Commission, said the event will feature art projects for kids and treasure and scavenger hunts. Kids can also visit with live alpacas that will make their way to the mansion from a nearby farm. There will be artists painting on the grounds throughout the day, and some of the original lilacs from the mansion will be on sale.

The mansion is named in part for colonial governor Benning Wentworth, who once called it home, and the Coolidge family, the last to live in it before it became a state-owned property. Eames said the Coolidges were heavily involved in the arts and allowed the area's artists to use the property for inspiration.

"There will be a huge tent for art projects," Eames said. "Kids can do art projects in honor of the art colony for the Coolidges."

Sandy Phelps leads tours of the house during its open season and said in addition to its stunning views, the grounds make for a fantastic recreation area. She said it's a perfect location for a coastal bike ride, and a new walking trail opened up at the house last year. She said the house also abuts a harbor, which is an excellent location for kayaking.

When first-time visitors set foot on the property, Phelps said, the sheer size of the mansion, the foliage and the view are particularly stunning.

"Most people are taken by the sight," she said. "The house is huge. You can walk around and there's just more and more of it."

Though a recent blight has harmed some of the original lilacs, Eames said the beauty



Lilacs at the Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion. Courtesy photo.

of the site is being preserved with replacement flowers.

Visitors can also take home their own lilacs, which have been cloned from the originals.

Eames said the site remains a favorite for local artists. She said the event allows people who are unfamiliar with the location to see what has made the Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion a favorite spot for so long.

"We will have art classes throughout the tenure of the lilac festival," she said. "Lots of painters come down there and just paint. I was there yesterday and there were two women there painting."

But whether a visitor is an artist or not, Phelps said, it's hard to not be inspired by the serenity of the location.

"People are just, in general, taken by the area," she said. "People come down and bring a book and sit and read. It's peaceful and pretty."

Lilac Festival

Where: Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion, Little Harbor Road, Portsmouth

When: Saturday, May 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: Admission is free

Contact: Visit wentworthcoolidge.org

40 and Gregg Free Library (7 Forest Road, Wilton), first Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. for teenagers to discuss, watch and draw Japanese-style comics and animation. Call 654-2581 or visit www.wiltonlibrarynh.org.

• **ANIME/MANGA CLUB** at Rodgers Memorial Library (194 Derry Road, Hudson) meets on the third Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. Call 886-6030.

• **BALLROOM DANCING** for

ages 11-19 at Queen City Ballroom, 21 Dow St., Manchester. To sign up, email qnctyballrm@aol.com or call 622-1500. Visit queencityballroomnh.com.

• **BOOK DISCUSSIONS FOR TEENS** at Nashua Public Library (2 Court St., Nashua) on the last

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Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. Each month will have a theme, but participants can choose the book. Call 589-4610, email teens@nashualibrary.org or visit www.tinyurl.com/nplteen.

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• **FANTASY BOOK CLUB** held on the first Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. at Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, hollis.nh.us/library. For ages 8-13. For kids who love reading fantasy books about dragons, magic, the future and more. Free and open to the public.

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Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford, meets monthly on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Keyes Meeting Room. Hang out and discuss your favorite anime or manga series, games and activities. Call 673-2408 or visit wadleighlibrary.org.

• **JR. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, for grades 5 and up, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. Children can help organize, plan and run special family, children's and summer reading programs. They can earn volunteer hours. Sign up at hollislibrary.org.

• **MONDAY NIGHT SCRABBLE** every week, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, hollislibrary.org. Join young adults for some fun rounds of this classic word game. Invite a partner. Bring a Scrabble board, if possible.

• **NH INSTITUTE OF ART** (148 Concord St., Manchester, 866-241-4918, nhia.edu) offers classes for high school students college credit. Prices vary depending on type of class and materials needed.

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• **TEEN ADVISORY BOARD** meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., at Hollis Social Library, 465-7721, hollislibrary.org. For ages 13-18. Help the library plan programs, choose books and materials for teens, organize outreach, decorate the teen area, eat snacks and hang out with friends. Community service credit will be given.

• **TEEN COOKING CLUB** at Manchester City Library, 405 Pine St., Manchester, meets monthly on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Teens ages 11-18 are welcome to learn the basics of cooking, make their favorite dishes and explore new types of food. All materials will be provided. Club meets in the Winchell Room. Call 624-6550.

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• **TWEEN TUESDAYS** every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the meeting room at the Hollis Social Library. Choose from Fantasy Book, Game Club, Craft Days, Book Buddies, or do all four. Fantasy Book Club is on the first Tuesday of every month and designed for kids who love reading fantasy books. Books provided at each meeting for the following month. Game Club is on the second Tuesday of every month and includes Wii, board games and snacks. Craft Days are the third Tuesday of every month. Book Buddies is the fourth Tuesday of every month and includes planning story times and crafts for preschool children. Read at after-school storytime and family pajama time.

• **WII DAYS FOR TEENS** at Hollis Social Library, every other Friday, 3 p.m., for ages 12-18. Snacks and drinks provided. Sign up at the circulation desk.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Olde tyme summer

Inaugural fair celebrates Hampton history



An old postcard from Hampton Beach served as the inspiration for the fair's poster. Courtesy photo.

By Cory Francer
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This year, summer at Hampton Beach could begin at the top of a Ferris wheel, with a spectacular view of the ocean.

The beach's annual sand-sculpting competition has marked the unofficial start of the summer season for many years, said Jude David, the Hampton Beach State Park events and facilities manager. But the inaugural Hampton Beach State Park Olde Tyme Fair, which will run for four days starting Thursday, June 6, will kick off summer this year.

David said the event will feature fair staples like rides, games and concessions, but it will also be distinctly Hampton.

"We want to show off the history of Hampton and its fantastic location," David said. "When you're in New Hampshire [with] only 18 miles of coastline, it's good to show off one of the gems."

Representatives from the Hampton Historical Society and The James House, believed to be the oldest colonial-style home in New Hampshire, will be there, dressed in 1700s and 1800s clothing to demonstrate the style of the time.

The event, which runs through Sunday, June 9, will also feature a lineup of local talent. David said headlining local bands include Truffle, Freight Train and The Old Bastards, a classic rock cover band that has been a longtime Hampton area staple. She said she has also reached out to local high school bands to perform, along with previous winners of the Hampton Idol singing competition.

"We wanted to show and encompass local talent on stage," David said. "It's a great way to start off the summer season. Fairs in general really bring community together and add an element of excitement to a community."

David said she has also reached out to local craft makers and artisans, including the Hampton Arts Network, and there will

be plenty of New-Hampshire made products on display. David said the event will be an opportunity for both local residents and out-of-towners to get an early start on beach season.

"This extends our season and brings people to the seacoast when they might not have been there before," she said. "It's a great kickoff and will have a great economic impact."

Rides will be both classic and modern. In addition to the Ferris wheel, David said, the event will include thrill rides like the Freakout and swinging pirate ship and plenty of rides for kids, too.

Amy Bassett, a public information and outreach specialist for the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, said even the rides will harken back to an earlier time.

"If you look back into the history of Hampton Beach, there used to be carnival rides," she said.

David said her hope is that the fair becomes an annual event and grows even bigger in the future. She said her visions include a parade throughout Hampton and reaching out to local businesses to have them dress up their storefronts.

"It's all about coming down and showing off Hampton and everything Hampton has to offer as a community," David said.

Hampton Beach State Park Olde Tyme Fair

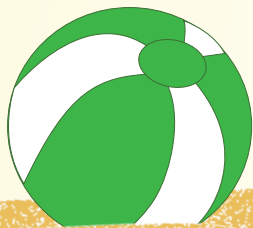
Where: Hampton Beach State Park, Route 1A, Hampton

When: Thursday, June 6, 4 to 10 p.m.; Friday, June 7, 4 to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 9, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 6 to 11 and free for children younger than 5. On Thursday, students with an ID from SAU 90 and SAU 21 get in free.

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• **WEARE TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE** is Sat., June 1, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Residents throughout Weare will be hosting yard sales. Call 529-7253.

• **GIANT BOOK SALE** at the Goffstown Public Library (2 High St., Goffstown) Sat., June 1, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. A variety of books will be available and proceeds will benefit the library. Call 497-2102 or visit goftstownlibrary.com.

• **PLANT SALE AND RAFFLE** at the Friends of the Manchester Animal Shelter (490 Dunbarton Road, Manchester) Sat., June 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs and more will be available. Proceeds will benefit the shelter and the animals housed there. Email plantsale@manchesteranimalshelter.org or visit manchesteranimalshelter.org.

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1, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hosted by The Greater Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce, there will be various yard sale locations throughout the day. Call 435-6346, email events@pittsfieldchamber.org or visit pittsfieldchamber.org.

• **MILFORD KEYES ART FESTIVAL** on the Milford Oval on Sat., June 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sun., June 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The show will feature fine art, live performances, kids' activities, food and art demonstrations. Call 249-0676 or visit milfordimprovementteam.org.

• **JUNE JUBILEE** at the Chester Congregational & Baptist Church (4 Chester St., Chester) Sat., June 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will feature a dinner, a yard sale and a bake sale. Cost is \$12 for regular plates, \$16 for combo plates and \$5 for kids plates. Call 887-4799, email chesterchurchoffice@gsinet.net or visit chesternhchurch.org.

• **BEST BUDDIES NH TENNIS CHALLENGE** at the County Road Tennis Courts (County Road, Bedford) Fri., June 7 to Sun., June 9. The round robin tournament will have divisions for juniors, parent/child, men's and women's doubles, mixed doubles and singles. There will also be an adaptive tennis social. Proceeds will benefit Best Buddies, which provides services for people with developmental disabilities. To register, email Andy Gould at gouldilox@comcast.net.

• **MAD HATTER SEED SWAP, POTLUCK & TEA TASTING PARTY** at the McLane Audubon Center (84 Silk Farm Road, Concord) Sat., June 8, 6 to 8 p.m. Share seeds, herbal foods and

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• **DUNBARTON TOWN-WIDE YARD SALE** throughout Dunbarton on Sat., June 8, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit decucc.org.

• **RELAY FOR LIFE OF GREATER MANCHESTER** at Livingston Park (300 DW Highway, Manchester) Fri., June 14, and Sat., June 15. All-night fundraising activity to benefit the American Cancer Society. Call 471-4113 or email Manchester_relay@cancer.org.

• **FAMILY COOKOUT** at the Emmanuel Baptist Church (14 Mammoth Road, Hooksett) Sat., June 15, noon-4 p.m. The event will feature a variety of food, bounce houses, a water slide, face painting, balloon animals and outdoor games. Call 668-6473 or visit emmanuelbaptistchurch.com.

• **ALPINE CLUB YARD SALE/CRAFT FAIR** at 175 Putnam St., Manchester, Sat. June 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call Donna at 623-8202.

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• **WINE TASTING AND AUCTION EVENT** outside in front of the Palace Theatre (80 Hanover St., Manchester) Thurs., May 30, at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Palace Theatre and tickets are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Call 668-5588 or visit palacetheatre.org.

• **OUR OLD HOUSE FESTIVAL** at the Moffatt-Ladd House (154 Market St., Portsmouth) Sat., June 1, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Learn about the history of the house from staff and reenactors. There will also be activities related to house's history. Call 430-7968 or visit moffattladd.org.

• **MILFORD KEYES ARTS FESTIVAL** on the Milford Oval, Sat., June 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sun., June 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. In addition to a fine art show, the event will feature activities for kids, demonstrations and food. Visit milfordimprovementteam.org.

• **OLDE TYME FAIRE** at Hampton Beach State Park (Route 1A, Hampton) Thurs., June 6, 4-10 p.m., Fri., June 7, 4-10:30 p.m., Sat., June 8, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m., and Sun., June 9, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. There will be carnival rides, games, live entertainment and more. Visit nhstateparks.org/whats-happening/hampton-beach-state-fair.aspx.

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• **Saffron Bistro in Nashua closed:** Joe Drift, owner and executive chef at Saffron Bistro in Nashua announced via press release that Saffron was closing its doors effective Saturday, May 18. According to the release, a new lease deal for the space could not be reached. “I would like to thank Nashua for six wonderful years,” Drift said in the release. “It is sad to see it come to an end, but I am thankful for the people who have truly supported us through the years.” The release also stated that Drift will remain at 11Eleven Bistro in Manchester, where he has been working with partner Jeff Dudley since November of 2012.

• **Witch show to watch:** Dawn Hunt, owner of Cucina Aurora in Salem, will be one of 100 competitors on the television show *MasterChef* on Fox starting with a two-hour premiere on Wednesday, May 22, at 8 p.m. according to a press release. The show will feature celebrity chef Gordan Ramsay, restaurateur Joe Bastianich and chef Graham Elliot. Hunt is known as the “Kitchen Witch” for her approach to cooking that incorporates her pagan religion into food preparation. According to the release, the top home cooks in America were flown to Los Angeles to present their signature dishes to the judges for a chance to compete for the title of *MasterChef* and win a cookbook deal and the \$250,000 grand prize. The release stated that the premiere episode will see the contestants prepare their signature dishes and present them to the judges. The second episode (Wednesday, May 29) will see the field cut down to 40. Hunt opened Cucina Aurora in 2008 and the shop in Salem (9-11 Delaware Drive) hosts cooking classes and also serves as a storefront to purchase her products such as infused olive oils, dip mixes and cookie mixes. Visit cucinaaurora.com for more information.

• **Shake it up:** The seventh annual Portsmouth Cocktail Competition will be held Sunday, June 2, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Portsmouth Sheraton at 250 Market Street. Put together a four-person team and attempt to craft the perfect cocktail. According to a press release, there will be a cocktail scavenger hunt and prizes from local businesses. Check in at 4 p.m. at the Portsmouth Gas Light at 64 Market Street and voting will take place there at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Visit porsmouthcocktail.com for more information.

• **Cooking for Dad:** The Culinary Playground at 16 Manning Street in Derry will be holding a Father’s Day themed

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FOOD

Raising the bar

Former Jillian’s revamped into gastro pub World Sports Grille

By Ian Clark
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You can still find sports on the TVs and billiards in the back room, but the food that had been served at Jillian’s is nothing like what’s on the menu at the World Sports Grille.

The switchover from Jillian’s to the World Sports Grille officially took place on May 15, but the new food and drink offerings had been on the menu for a couple of weeks prior to that.

“I think what people have historically recognized Jillian’s as is just your typical bar fare,” said WSG event sales manager Wendy Colby Fisher. “But with this new menu, about 90 percent of it is made from scratch, using as much as we possibly can of local ingredients. We have burgers and pizzas, but we also have things on the menu like maple glazed scallops, which people would not associate with a sports pub. So we’re really going for that gastro pub type feel with a really good beverage and spirits selection paired with an awesome, made-from-scratch menu.”

The drink selection has expanded, with 75 new bottles of bourbons, whiskeys and scotches, according to Colby Fisher. There is also a large selection of craft beers.

“We have a wide variety of beers from stouts to porters to Belgian wheat beers,” said bar manager Keith Hammond. “We brought in some from one of my favorite breweries, Dogfish Head [from Delaware]. They have different and interesting beers. They put coriander and all kinds of things in beers that you wouldn’t normally think of, and that’s going to help us pair them with foods. We brought a lot of bigger bottles in for groups that want to try a beer. Everybody can grab a glass and share it. We’re trying to find things that you can’t just go anywhere and get.”

The way the beers are served is also important, Hammond said.

“Certain beers, like a stout, you wouldn’t want it at 30 degrees. But most people don’t know that. It’s served best at 50 to 55 degrees. That’s how you get all the flavor notes. That’s the best way to taste it,” Hammond said. “When we offer these to the guests we say,



A look at the new spirits selection at World Sports Grille. Ian Clark photo.

‘This is typically served this way but we can serve it chilled if you prefer.’ We serve them in proper glasses so you can taste everything the right way. Certain beers are better in a nice, wide-open glass so that the air can get in. Craft beer is a lot like wine and should be treated like wine. Some things are best in a pint or a goblet or a wine glass.”

Pairing the beverages with menu items was also something that chef Patrick Ogle kept in mind when designing the menu, according to Colby Fisher. Many of the dishes have beer or other spirits infused in them, such as the beer and cheese bisque (made with Pig’s Ear Brown Ale from Woodstock Brewery in North Woodstock), the fish and chips (made with Blue Moon Ale), Guinness bratwurst and maple glazed scallops (with maple whiskey glaze).

World Sports Grille will also begin hosting special brewery pairing events starting on Thursday, June 27, with Sam Adams. Colby Fisher said that she tried one of these events in the fall with Woodstock Brewery and the reaction was very positive. She said these events would be smaller, likely for 40 people, and feature special menu items developed for the event and to complement the brewer’s selections.

Colby Fisher said that WSG has hired a pastry chef with the hopes of growing the variety of sweets that will be offered for

World Sports Grille

Where: 50 Phillippe Cote St., Manchester

When: Monday through Thursday 3:30 p.m. to midnight, Fridays 3:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturdays 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., Sundays 11:30 to midnight. 21 years and older after 9 p.m.

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dessert, which right now includes cheesecake and pie.

The Manchester location of World Sports Grille is one of two in the nation; the other is in Seattle. In addition to the regular hours, WSG will be open for lunch on Thursdays and Fridays as of Monday, May 20.

The arcade games have been removed, but Colby Fisher said that the billiard tables have been completely redone to tournament level standards, a new darts area was installed, and there’s a new shuffleboard table as well.

“We are staying true to our core that we are a sports bar. But everything else, we’ve elevated to make it affordable and comfortable for people to come down and try these things,” Colby Fisher said. “Historically at Jillian’s, food wasn’t the thing and guest experience wasn’t the thing. Now I want it to be *the* thing.”

Food Listings Lectures/author events/ festivals/fairs

• **RESTAURANT WEEK NH** Running from Friday, May 17, to Friday, May 24, this event offers deals throughout the state. There are three price levels: lunches at \$10 and dinners at \$15; lunches at \$15 and dinners at

\$25, and lunches at \$20 and dinners at \$35. A list of participating restaurants is available (listed by region with cuisine and menu information) at restaurantweeknh.com.

• **TASTE OF MILFORD** The fourth annual Taste of Milford event is scheduled for Thurs., May 30, in downtown Milford and will feature 25 restaurants

and local food producers from the area. New this year, tasters are invited to vote for their favorite entree, dessert and best overall presentation by restaurants. Music by local band Groov’n and guitar wizard Doc Doherty. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance, \$30 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at [\[provementteam.org\]\(http://provementteam.org\) or by calling 249-0676. Tickets are limited and the event has sold out the last three years.](http://milfordim-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

• **BRONCO BELLY BUS-TIN’ CHILI FIESTA** On Sat., June 1 at Alvirne High School, 211 Derry Road, Hudson, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The official New Hampshire qualifier for the World Cham-

pionship Chili Cookoff, this event will feature live music, carnival games and contests. There are three contests categories, chili, chili verde and salsa as well as a youth division. Admission is \$7 and includes chili sampling. Kids age 9 and under are free.

• **TASTE OF NASHUA** The 19th annual Taste of 54 ▶

Tasty nights

Get a taste of Milford and Nashua events

By Ian Clark
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A taste of a town and a taste of a city: If you want to try both, head to the fourth annual A Taste of Milford event Thursday, May 30, and then hit the 19th annual Taste of Downtown Nashua on Wednesday, June 5.

Milford's event takes place on the oval downtown, which boasts a large selection of restaurants in a small area.

"We have roughly the same number of restaurants as last year, but we do have a few new ones participating," said Tracy Hutchins, executive director of the Milford Improvement Team. "We've added Mi Jalisco, a great Mexican restaurant, My Sister's Kitchen, a cafe with Russian specialties, and Phil's Old Fashioned Barbecue stand."

Clark's Tavern at 40 Nashua St. will have regular menu items and specials and one of its signature dishes, according to owner Liesl Clark.

"We'll be having a garden party with our famous 'Carmen Fries,' named after chef Sue Carmen," Clark said. "They have fresh garlic and parmesan with Guinness ranch dipping sauce."

Meanwhile in Nashua, Crosby Bakery at 51 E. Pearl St. will feature mini eclairs, strawberry rhubarb squares and mini cupcakes, according to baker Matt Hankins.

Also in Nashua, The Sausage King at 52 Main St. will offer a sneak preview of a new barbecue restaurant. Sausage King will become Riverside Barbecue in the next few months (see related story on p. 54).

"We will probably be running specials outside the normal menu," said Sausage King food and beverage manager Andrew Thistle. "We're slowly turning into a barbecue restaurant, so we'll probably have some ribs or brisket, something fun and different from what we normally do."

Other Nashua restaurants participating include: Arena Sports Bar, Bellavance Beverage Company, Celebrations Catering, Edible Arrangements, Eric's Main Street Bakery, Estabrook Grill, Fody's Great American Tavern, King David Coffee Roasters, LaBelle Winery, Margaritas Mexican Restaurant,



Cupcakes from Carole's Cake Creations. Courtesy photo.

Martha's Exchange, McKenzie's Restaurant and Bar, MT's Local, O'Briens Sports Bar, Old Amsterdam Bar and Lounge, Portland Pie Company, San Francisco Kitchen, Stella Blu, Surf, The Peddler's Daughter, Villa Banca, WineNot Boutique and Yogurt in Love.

Participating restaurants in Milford include: Amigos Mexican Cantina, Café on the Oval, Caroles Cake Creations, Foodee's Gourmet Pizza, Fuzzie's Ice Cream & Deli, Giorgios Ristorante, Golden Palace, Jade Dragon, Maple Lane Farm, Milford Fish Market, Papa Joe's Humble Pie, The Pasta Loft, Red Arrow Diner, Roam Café, Tiebreakers at Hampshire Hills, Trombly Gardens, Union Square Provisions, Windows on West at Milford High School and The Yankee Chef.

"Yankee Chef always has chowder for the event and they've won awards for their chowder, so it shouldn't be missed," Hutchins said. "The oval is really conducive to this event. You can almost see all the locations by standing in the middle, and we have music and a band in the town hall. It really creates a big party atmosphere and because it's all spread out along the street it creates a lot of excitement."

Taste of Milford
When: Thursday, May 30, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: The Oval in downtown Milford
What: More than 25 restaurants and other businesses will showcase their wares. Music and other activities will also be a part of the event.
Cost: Tickets are \$25 per person in advance or \$30 at the door.
Visit: milfordimprovementteam.org or call 249-0676.

Taste of Downtown Nashua
When: Wednesday, June 5, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Main Street and Pearl Street, Nashua
What: More than 20 locations will be participating in the annual celebration of food and shops in downtown Nashua. Music and raffles will be part of the event.
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From king to 'cue

Sausage King in Nashua to become Riverside Barbecue

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The Sausage King of Nashua is ending its reign.

The hot dog and sausage spot at 53 Main St. will be transitioning into Riverside Barbecue over the next few months, according to Sausage King food and beverage manager Andrew Thistle.

"It's going to be very traditional with a small New England twist on it," Thistle said of the barbecue menu. "We're going to be preparing things with dry rubs and smoking for 16 hours, but we want to get local when it comes to barbecue sauce and use peaches from local farms or cranberries and things like that."

Sausage King owner Dave Manganello has a barbecue background that he will put to use at Riverside, Thistle said.

"Dave has been a long-time barbecue cook. He's trained as a barbecue competition judge, and we've been working with a lot of experts in the industry to get up to speed with the process," Thistle said. "It's interesting to see the difference between competition barbecue and barbecue for the consumer market. They are very different in flavor profiles and styles, which is fun to learn about."

Riverside Barbecue will take over the portion of the building that Sausage King currently occupies, but Thistle said that the plan is to eventually expand to a full restaurant.

"When that happens we can be a lot more creative and turn barbecue on its head and do some interesting mixes," Thistle said. "We really just want to dial in on making good barbecue."

Sausage King had outdoor carts at several Home Depot stores in New Hampshire as well as street carts in Nashua. But changes to the vendor laws two years ago forced all of the carts to be scrapped, Thistle said.

"The City of Nashua [health department] became the strictest in the state, and open-air carts on streets were outlawed," Thistle said. "Our carts, if we put them up in Manchester, there would be no issues at all."

With that bite taken out of the business, the door was opened for the barbecue joint



Sausage will give way to barbecue. Courtesy photo.

Riverside Barbecue

Details: The Sausage King at 53 Main St. in Nashua is changing into a barbecue joint over the next few months. For an early peek at the Riverside's barbecue fare, head to the Sausage King during the "A Taste of Downtown Nashua" event on Wednesday, June 5.

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Visit: thesausagekingofnashua.com

that Thistle said he and Manganello had hoped for from the beginning.

"Dave and I had this cockamamie scheme to open a barbecue restaurant. The Sausage King brand was an in-between for that," Thistle said. "We were able to learn how the industry works and dial in on the operational aspects of it before we dropped a large amount of money on opening a barbecue restaurant."

The Sausage King brand has been around for 10 years, starting with the carts, and the Fenway Park-themed Sausage King restaurant itself has been on Main Street for three years. Thistle said that the switch to Riverside Barbecue is expected to take anywhere from 60 to 90 days with renovations and inspections.

Being the best barbecue, not just the only barbecue, is the goal, according to Thistle.

"There's no barbecue in this area. We want to have the best barbecue," Thistle said. "We don't just want to do this because no one else is doing it. We'd like to be the best. We spent a lot of time experimenting and figuring out what it takes to get to that point. We're really excited about it."

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52 ▶ Downtown Nashua will be held Wed., June 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. More than 20 locations on Main and West Pearl streets will be participating in the annual celebration of eating and shopping in the Gate City, according to a press release. The Taste of Downtown Nashua features downtown restaurants set up in retail storefronts — you get a

chance to sample the food while you browse. The event also will feature sidewalk musicians, a raffle, pre-event cocktails and post-event specials at some area restaurants, the release said. Tickets cost \$30 in advance, \$35 on the day of the event. See downtown-nashua.org for tickets (which will also be available for sale at some Nashua locations starting May 1).

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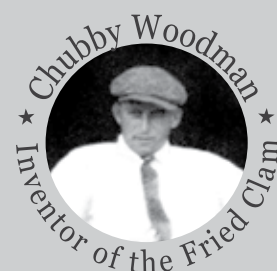
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Craig Ferguson has been the head chef at Mile Away Restaurant in Milford since November 2012, when his nephew Joshua Murphy assumed ownership from Ferguson's sister Sandra and her husband Kevin Murphy. Ferguson had been the chef at Mile Away between 1995 and 1998 before working in restaurants in Hawaii, Utah and California. Previous stops also included Colorado and Idaho. Ferguson's first job was as a dishwasher at age 15 at Mile Away. "It's basically what I would call continental Swiss dinner house here at Mile Away. We give you an all-inclusive meal where you buy the entree and it comes with an appetizer, choice of salad and dessert. We do a lot of veal and wienerschnitzel — those are the big sellers — and we do a lot of local fish, salmon, shrimp, cod and haddock. We use a lot of those on the weekend for specials. And in the last five or six years, the wedding business has just flourished." Mile Away serves dinner Wednesday through Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m., and Sunday features lunch and dinner from 1 to 7 p.m.

What is your must-have item in the kitchen?

I'm thinking it's my stereo, the Bose surround system. To keep the harmony in the kitchen, we play music pretty much all day and night. I listen to The River [92.5 FM] but the kids want Rock 101 or something a little heavier. Sometimes that gets a little too [heavy], and I'm like, 'Guys, we need to melow it out here a little bit.'

What's the best or biggest food trend right now in New Hampshire?

Maybe maple syrup? I'm still searching for a trend up here.

What's your favorite meal to cook at home?

I like to do cheeseburgers on the grill. I don't cook at home a lot because I only have two nights off and it's the last thing I want to be doing on my night off.

What would you choose for a last meal?

Probably oysters Rockefeller and maybe some veal sweetbreads, which you don't see too much of these days.

What is your favorite restaurant besides your own?

L'toile on Martha's Vineyard. I actually worked there. It's nouvelle French cuisine.

What celebrity would you like to see come to the restaurant?

Seeing how Jerry Garcia has passed away, I guess I'd like to see Bruce Springsteen. He's the Boss, you know.

What is your favorite dish at Mile Away?

I think the wienerschnitzel. It's really good.
— Ian Clark



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54 ▶ **DAIRY DAYS** On Sat., June 22, at the New Hampshire Farm Museum, Route 125 White Mountain Highway, Milton, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about cows and dairy goats and taste the New Hampshire dairy products. Help churn the cream into butter and learn to make a soft cheese. Barn and farmhouse tour and

horse-drawn wagon rides also available. Free ice cream served from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 4 to 17, and free for children under 4. Call 652-7849 or visit farmmuseum.org.

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If your idea of the perfect dessert — or snack, or breakfast — involves chocolate, you might want to keep June 9 free.

The 11th annual Chocolate Lovers Fantasy event will take place from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester.

Chocolate Lovers Fantasy will feature dozens of local vendors providing samples of chocolate creations and products.

"It is a chocolate event, so we'll be bringing lots of chocolate items," said Jenny Cheifetz, owner of Gone Baking, a mobile bakery vending van. "I'll have lots of different cookies with me like our loaded chocolate chip cookies. And by definition it is loaded with chocolate chips. I'll also have the 'double the fun' chocolate chip cookies, chocolatey cupcakes and I'll bring some chocolate covered pretzels as well. I won't be able to resist bringing those."

Andy Thibodeau, owner of Cupcakes 101 in Bedford said that she will be bringing mini salted caramel chocolate cupcakes and chocolate cake pops. John Crandall, owner of Blackberry Bakery in Londonderry, Blackberry Bakery (Londonderry) said that he will feature a white chocolate mint dipped gluten-free brownie along with chocolate whoopie pies, chocolate brownies, and chocolate chip cookies.

Other vendors expected to participate include Michele's Totally Awesome Gourmet Popcorn, My Brigadeiro, Valata Wicked Fondue, UnWine'd Restaurant, Triolos Bakery, The Chocolate Fanatic, Lindt Chocolate, Edible Arrangements, Queen City Cupcakes, Sharon's Granola, The Cracker Fudge Candy Company, LaBelle Winery, Simply Delish, Popcorn Passion, Life's Little Pleasures, Granite State Can-



Chocolate covered pretzels from Gone Baking. Courtesy photo.

11th annual Chocolate Lovers Fantasy

Where: Radisson Hotel, 700 Elm St., Manchester

When: Sunday, June 9, noon to 3 p.m.

What: Dozens of local vendors will have samples of chocolate creations and products.

Cost: Tickets are \$17 in advance or \$19 at the door.

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dy Shoppe, Van Otis Chocolates, Courser Farm Kitchen and Sillie Puffs gourmet cotton candy.

The event is a benefit for The CareGivers, an organization that helps the elderly and disabled in the Manchester area and Nashua remain in their homes for as long as possible. 🍫

56 ▶ lage Inn (2 Olde Bedford Way in Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com) will hold a wine dinner with wine distributor Eric Solomon of European Cellars. Hors d'oeuvres and wine start at 6 p.m.; a five-course dinner with wine pairing starts at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$85 per person.

• **NIGHT BEFORE BEER DINNER** White Birch Brewing in Hooksett will hold an eight course dinner prepared by Stages at One Washington chef Evan Hennessey on Thursday, July 25 (the night before the Southern New Hampshire Brewers Festival). The courses are being designed around eight White Birch Brewing beers. A special small batch is being created that

will be served at the dinner only. The event is limited to 50 people with a cost of \$150 and tickets are available exclusively through brownpapertickets.com and will not be sold at the brewery. Visit whitebirchbrewing.com for more information.

• **CONCORD FOOD CO-OP BRUNCH** The Co-op's Celery Stick Café (24 S. Main St., Concord, 410-3099, concordfoodcoop.coop) offers a brunch buffet every Sun., 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Build-your-own omelet station. • **FROM OUR TAVOLA TO YOURS** is held on the first Monday of every month at Lucia's Tavola, 181 Route 13, Brookline, 429-9134, luciastavola.com. The event begins at 5 p.m. with a wine and cocktail tasting reception. At

6 p.m., Chef Mark DiCicco will prepare a four-course meal in front of the diners. Dinner costs \$35 and reservations are recommended.

Church/charity suppers/ bake sales

• **22nd ANNUAL PLANT SALE DINNER** will be in the Fellowship Hall at Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Road, Route 155, Lee, 659-2861, on Fri., May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. Beef stew and macaroni and cheese will be the entrees, with a salad bar, and a selection of desserts and beverages. Tickets cost \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children under age 12.

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Weekly Dish

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cooking class on Saturday, June 15, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. called "Delights for Dad." Similar to the Mother's Day event, kids will cook food and also pick fabric to make a grilling apron gift. On the

cooking menu will be potato skins, fruit cobbler and a spicy meat rub. The class is for ages 9 to teens and costs \$50. Check out culinary-playground.com for more information.

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The official New Hampshire qualifier for the World Championship Chili Cookoff will be held Saturday, June 1, at Alvirne High School at 211 Derry Road in Hudson from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature live music, carnival games and contests. There are three contest categories for cookoff participants: chili, chili verde and salsa as well as a youth division. Admission is \$7 and includes chili sampling. Kids ages 9 and younger are free. Entry fee for cooking in all three events is \$55. Visit chilicookoff.com for more information.

Main St., Rochester, 332-1121, Sat., May 18, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Full turkey dinner with beverages. Cost is \$8 per person, \$4 for ages 5 to 10, free for children under 5.

• **NEWINGTON CHURCH SUPPER** at Newington Town Hall, 205 Nimble Hill Road, Sat., May 18, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person, \$3 for children ages 5 and up, free for children under 5. Meal includes beverage and dessert.

• **GOURMET BREAKFAST** at St. George Maronite Parish Church, Mechanic St., Dover, Sun., May 19 from 8 to 11 a.m. Breakfast includes traditional breakfast items, crepes, fruit juices and coffee. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children.

• **BENEFIT BREAKFAST** for Mystery Rebekah Lodge #39, at Odd Fellows Fellows Lodge, 42 Mountain Road, Goffstown, Sun., May 19, from 8 to 10:30 a.m. All you can eat breakfast for the scholarship fund. Cost is \$6 per person, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children.

• **SPAGHETTI SUPPER** at St. George Church, 25 Chapel St., Dover, every Saturday from 4 to

6:30 p.m. All you can eat for \$6 (adults) and \$3 (children).

• **HAM AND BEAN SUPPER** at First Parish Church, 218 Central Ave., Dover, Sat., June 1, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Food available includes hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, green bean casserole, macaroni and cheese, corn bread, pies and desserts. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children.

• **HAM AND BEAN SUPPER** at Pelham Congregational Church, 3 Main St., Sat., June 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required. Call 247-3723.

• **BREAKFAST BUFFET** at Bethany Chapel, 54 Newbury Road, Manchester, Sat., July 13, from 8 to 10 a.m. All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet of fruit, juices, eggs, baked beans, grits, home fries, sausage, bacon, specialty breads, and a special of the day. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, free for children under 6.

Food classes/workshops

• **ITALIAN ARTISAN COOKING** Tuscan Kitchen, 67 Main St., Salem, will offer "scuola culinaria" beginning on Wed., May 22, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The first class will be "An Evening

in Tuscany" featuring celebrity chef Mary Ann Esposito and the creator of the Tuscan Brands, Joe Faro. The cost is \$85 per person. Call 952-4875 or visit tuscan-kitchen.com.

• **MOM AND KIDS CLASSES** The Culinary Playground in Derry will be offering classes in May, beginning with the "Spring Fling" cooking series which runs every Tuesday in the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The series will highlight spring flavors and is open to kids from age 7 into their teens. On Sat., May 11, Culinary Playground will hold a "Bake and Sew for Mom" class from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The class is open to kids from age 9 to teens. There will be a 90-minute cooking session to bake a treat for mom followed by a 90-minute hands-on sewing class to create a gift for mom. Visit culinary-playground.com.

• **LENTILS, PULSES OR LEGUMES?** Creative Chef Kitchens in Derry will offer a class on lentils complete with brunch on Sun., June 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$45 and registration is required. Call 625-2111.

• **YOGURT CLASS WITH STONYFIELD FARM** The Culinary Playground at 16 Manning St., suite 105 in Derry will offer a course all about yogurt for kids and adults, featuring Stonyfield Farm yogurt on Sat., June 22, from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will learn about the yogurt making process, the health benefits of yogurt and other facts and tidbits. Stonyfield's yogurt will be used to make blueberry yogurt muffins, roasted red pepper dip and veggie and cheese strata. The course is for ages 6 to 12 with an adult. Visit culinary-playground.com for prices and to register.

• **LUNCH & LEARN** The Concord Food Co-op (24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfoodcoop.coop) holds "Lunch & Learn at the Co-op" some Thursdays from 12:15 to 1 p.m. The programs are limited to eight students; call to register. Upcoming topics: whole food vitamins on April 25.

• **HEALTHY EATING** The Concord Food Co-op (24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfoodcoop.coop) has a series of events on the schedule to help you eat and/or cook healthi-

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FOOD PERISHABLES

Yuca

Yuca (sometimes spelled yucca), or cassava, is a shrub grown in tropical climates and produces an edible potato-like root. I first tried yuca seven years ago while on a trip to El Salvador and really enjoyed it. I had yuca fries (yuca frita) and some beer, and they were delicious.

The yuca is like potato's large, waxy and dense cousin. Looking at the yuca plant, one would never guess it was edible. Its skin is so thick that it's quite difficult to peel and cut. Like so many things, the good stuff is on the inside. Once peeled, yuca can be fried, baked or boiled. Like potatoes and yams, the yuca root is an excellent source of carbohydrates and a moderate source of manganese, fiber and Vitamin C. While I first tried yuca in El Salvador, it's also grown in parts of Africa and Asia, with Nigeria leading the way in production.



While there are many ways to eat yuca, frying them is the best. If you enjoy French fries, try yuca fries for a change of pace and you won't regret it. Check out my easy recipe below; yuca is a great way to get your family members to try something "different" without pushing them too far out of their comfort zones. — *Allison Willson Dudas* 🍷

Yuca Fries

Adapted from Food.com

1½ pounds of yuca, peeled and cut into thick sticks (a bit larger than steak fries)
Oil, for deep frying (I used canola but peanut or vegetable work)
Salt & Pepper to taste

Bring yuca pieces to boil for about 10 to 15 minutes in large pot, until tender. Try not to

over-boil (like I did when I cooked these) as they'll fall apart and be more difficult to fry (but will still taste great!). Drain yuca and set aside. In large deep frying pan, heat about 2 inches of oil over high heat. Fry yuca for about 2 to 4 minutes, until golden brown. Remove and place over paper towel to soak up oil and season immediately. Serve warm.

er. On Tues., Aug. 20, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., it's "Reintroducing the Vegetarian Diet" with Erin Girzone, a personal trainer and nutrition consultant, at Concord City Council Chambers. Learn about the basics and benefits of a plant-based diet. On Tues., Oct. 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., it's "Transforming Beans into Delicious Meals" with Hilary Warner (M.P.H., R.D., L.D., a licensed/registered dietitian) at Concord City Council Chambers. Learn how to make meals and snacks with dried and canned beans. And plan now for next holiday season with "Stress-Free Holiday Eating on a Restricted Diet" with Laura Piazza, co-author of *Recipes for Repair*, on Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Concord City Council Chambers. These classes are free but registration is required. Call or go online.

• **A MARKET** The Manchester natural foods store's education center offers classes and workshops on health and nutrition. See amarketnaturalfoods.com.

• **BEDFORD COMMUNITY EDUCATION** Classes offered out of Bedford High School (103 County Road, Bedford, 472-3755). For information, contact Susan Sambrano at sambranos@sau25.net or phone 310-9000, ext. 3127. Visit sau25.net and click on Community Enrichment Program under Quick Links.

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• **CREATIVE FEAST CLASSES** Liz Barbour's Creative Feast offers classes and demonstrations held at RiverBend & Company (11 Cornerstone Square, Westford, Mass.). Email lizb@thecreativefeast.com or visit thecreativefeast.com.

• **CO-OP CLASSES** The Concord Cooperative Market (24 S. Main St., Concord, 225-6840, concordfoodcoop.coop), holds regular series on wellness, green living and cooking. Even free classes require registration. Visit concordfoodcoop.coop for schedule. Interested teachers can contact the Co-op Wellness Coordinator, Maria Noël Groves at 410-3099.

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• **HANNAFORD SUPER-MARKETS** offer free classes on stretching your food budget, healthy cooking, time-saving meals and more. See hannaford.com and click on "news & events" for classes at the Hannaford near you.

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White wine vinegar

As the days grow longer and warmer, I actively avoid turning on my oven. I opt for simple side dishes and cool salads for meals instead of the heavier, heartier fare of winter. That's why this salad, made with seasonal veggies and staple pantry ingredients, is ideal for adding a burst of color to your dinner table.

Courtesy of the queen of organizing and party planning, this corn salad from Martha Stewart is mixed together in no time. Plus, the cool corn is an unexpected use of summer cobs. The dish is easy to make and calls on a few basic ingredients — salt, pepper, olive oil and white-wine vinegar — to complete.

White-wine vinegar is available year round at the grocery store and is used in a variety of ways. The Kitchen Dictionary on Food.com explains that wine vinegar can be used in everything from pickling to deglazing pans and marinating meats. Wine vinegar can be made from red or white wine. White wine vinegar has a slightly tangy vinegar taste that is most often used by French cooks to make Hollandaise and Béarnaise sauces, soups, vinaigrettes and stews.

According to the Vinegar Institute, something of an industry trade group, Americans buy a higher percentage of distilled white vinegar (46 percent) than any other variety. White wine vinegar is lumped together with malt vinegar and fruit vinegar, a category that comprises just 5 percent of total sales.

All vinegar is the product of a double fermentation process. Today, white wine manufacturers generally handle only the second fermentation process on-site, choosing to purchase instead a wine stock from local vineyards. This "stock" is made from wine varietals and blends of lesser quality than drinking wine.

Vinegar, whose name comes from the French word for "sour wine," was just bad wine to our ancestors, according to Discovery Fit & Health. But being resourceful, our ancestors used the "bad" wine as a food preservative, cure-all and even a flavor enhancer, before they learned to make vine-



This seasonal side dish brightens up your summer dinner table. Lauren Mifsud photo.

gar intentionally. The production of vinegar is supposed to be one of the world's earliest commercial industries.

The healing powers of vinegar are recorded as early as the Babylonians and the lifetime of the Greek physician Hippocrates, who supposedly used the fermented wine as an antibiotic. In Asia, it is believed early samurai warriors thought vinegar would increase their strength and vitality. In more modern times, vinegar was used by military medics during World War I to treat wounds.

The widely acclaimed medical benefits of vinegar have been disputed in most cases by modern science and medicine, but several health benefits that are more tangible and realistic are attributed to vinegar. For example, the consumption of vinegar, which is high in acetic acid, can increase the body's absorption of minerals in the foods we eat. While more research is still being completed on the full health benefits of vinegar, its use in the kitchen is undisputable. Different forms and flavors can be used in a variety of recipes including salads and sweet treats, making white-wine vinegar a good pantry investment. — Lauren Mifsud

Corn Salad
Courtesy MarthaStewart.com

6 ears corn, husks and silk removed
3 scallions, thinly sliced crosswise
2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar
2 tablespoons olive oil
Course salt and ground pepper

Remove kernels from the corn by cutting off the tip of each cob, standing the cob in a wide, shallow bowl, and slicing downward with a sharp knife. To the bowl, add scallions, vinegar and oil. Season generously with salt and pepper, and toss to combine.

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Buttercream

You know those cakes you see in food magazines? The perfectly frosted, glossy, artfully casual creations staring from the pages of Martha Stewart Living or Food and Wine? The ones that are so stubbornly impossible to recreate in your own kitchen?

I have found the solution, the key to creating similar beauties in your very own, very nonprofessional kitchen. And the answer is Swiss meringue buttercream.

Buttercream is the substance that most people naturally picture when they conjure up images of frosting. In its simplest and most common form, buttercream is a mixture of butter and confectioners sugar, with a little milk or vanilla or chocolate added for texture and flavor. This version of the frosting is dense and almost crusty with sugar (which I and my avowed sweet-tooth mean in a good way).

But there are other buttercream options perhaps more suitable for other palates. Italian buttercream is made by mixing a hot sugar syrup into an egg-white meringue,



then adding butter. Swiss buttercream is made by heating egg whites and sugar together, whipping the mixture into a sweet and fluffy mass, and then adding in butter.

Either technique will yield a frosting that is lighter in texture, more buttery in flavor, and somewhat less sweet than a basic buttercream. They take significantly longer to prepare than does a basic buttercream, but the effort is decidedly worth it.

I used the Swiss version recently on a cake for my mother-in-law's 80th birthday. It was, without a doubt, the easiest frosting to work with I have ever made, the most beautiful on the cake, and the most crowd-pleasing. Enjoy. — Sarah Shemkus

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Swiss Meringue Buttercream

This recipe comes mostly from marthastewart.com, with a few additional tips from various Internet sources

Vinegar or lemon juice

1 pound (4 sticks) unsalted butter, room temperature

1½ cups sugar

6 egg whites

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Beat butter with electric mixer until fluffy and pale. Transfer to small bowl.

Make sure the bowl of your stand mixer is completely dry, then wipe down the interior with a little bit of vinegar or lemon juice to remove any possible trace of grease.

In double boiler over simmering water, whisk sugar and egg whites until warm and sugar is dissolved, two to three minutes. Mixture is ready when a small bit, rubbed between your fingers, is silky and smooth, without any graininess. Transfer to clean bowl of stand mixer; beat on high with whisk attachment until fluffy and cooled, about 10 minutes.

Reduce mixer to medium-low; add butter a scant ¼ cup at a time, beating well after each addition. Mix in vanilla.

Switch to paddle attachment; beat on lowest speed three to five minutes. Leave at room temperature if using same day. If using later, store airtight in refrigerator up to three days. When ready to use, bring to room temperature and beat until smooth.

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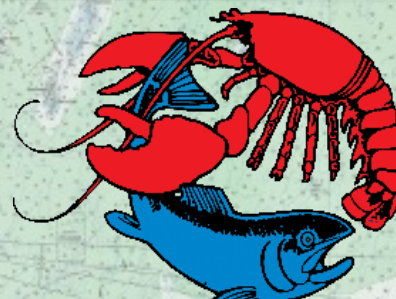
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FOOD

Change is good

Cask and Vine features rotating food and drink menu

By Ian Clark
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Everything's different at Cask and Vine.

Owners Alana Wentworth and Andy Day said that when they opened on Jan. 2, their vision was to have a place that was not only different from other restaurants, but also different each time you visit, with a rotating selection of food and spirits.

"Part of the philosophy is that Cask and Vine is always changing," Day said. "From the artwork to the food to the beers that are on tap to the the wines, everything changes all the time. Whenever you come in it can be a different experience whether you've been here twice or a hundred times."

Cask and Vine's specialties are craft beer and wines. Day said that he was not interested in having traditional beers on tap that you would find any old place. According to Day, Cask and Vine offer beers from local sources such as North Hampton's Throwback Brewery, Martha's Exchange Brewing in Nashua and Hooksett's White Birch Brewing as well as small production beers from Founders Brewing out of Michigan.

"We decided early on that we were not going to have your typical draft lines at all. There would not be a [Budweiser] line here. It was going to be dedicated to craft beers," Day said. "We've really had to work with our salesmen to push their envelope and see what they can get us that you haven't seen anywhere else in the state, or maybe it's been one other place. One beer we're debuting here hasn't been around the state at all and that's Berkshire imperial stout."

Executive chef George Craft said he was not familiar with craft beers but became a quick study.

"Slowly I've been incorporating [the craft beers] into specials and now I'm trying to really expand on that and put it into the menu and keep experimenting," Craft said. "We have IPA-braised pork belly on the menu right now and I make an apricot IPA reduction that goes with that. It goes with my smashed Yukons and a pickled radish and micro greens salad. It's a well thought out dish."

Craft said that the menu at Cask and Vine will be seasonal and that he intends to experiment with a "beer-amisu" in the winter. Weekly specials change all the time, as do individual dishes.

"I do an always-changing macaroni and cheese dish. Some weeks it has lobster in it and different cheeses. The one we have now is andouille sausage and jalapeno mac and cheese, which is really popular. If you came back tomorrow it would be totally different. I love having that freedom with the menu to use different things and keep it fresh and



Interior of the Cask and Vine. Ian Clark photo.

exciting and interesting," Craft said. "We just changed to the spring menu, and the most popular item is the sausage and garlic stuffed mushroom with a white truffle drizzle and bleu cheese cream sauce. It's an appetizer and is a hit all the time."

Craft said that new menu items coming soon include entrees of beer-braised short ribs with chipotle barbecue glaze and seared duck breast with IPA blueberry sauce, appetizers of jumbo lump crab cakes with tomato-corn salsa and avocado butter and homemade beer cheese dip. New sandwiches about to debut include a smoked trout sandwich that Craft calls "tuna fish on steroids" and an eggplant caprese featuring heirloom tomatoes.

"Part of my philosophy with food is to use simple, fresh ingredients which best showcase or enhance the main component of the dish," Craft said. "With summer around the corner brings the Derry farmers market, which I plan on shopping at regularly to use the freshest possible produce and feature many of the offerings on my daily specials."

It's all part of what Wentworth and Day, who also own The Drinkery in Londonderry, were hoping for when they opened Cask and Vine.

"We're avid beer and wine enthusiasts," Day said. "One thing about The Drinkery is that it is very low-key and a cool place to hang out. It felt like a beer or wine cellar and people would often ask us if they could sit down and have a beer because it was so chill. We wanted to take that and build a place where we could share all that unique stuff that we had."

Cask and Vine restaurant

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Beyond port

Portugal has a lot more to offer

By Stefanie Phillips
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Americans may know Portugal mainly for its port, but this little European nation has a lot more to offer. Finding Portuguese wine on United States shelves can sometimes pose a challenge, but it is worth the search.

I am immersed in Portuguese culture in my full-time public relations job, as my company works with the Portuguese tourism office, a Portuguese airline and currently has a Portuguese intern who is here working with us for six months.

Portugal's wine industry is deeply rooted in history, when the Portuguese traded with the British and what were then the North American colonies. According to Raymond Postage in Portuguese Wine, a sweet English wine named Osey emerged, rumored to be from Portugal. It was heavily imported from the 12th century until the 15th century but became less popular around 1577. At this time, the popular wine was Charneco, reportedly from a village near Lisbon, though it was more likely from an area west of Lisbon, as its name means "barren" or "poor land."

Portuguese wine lost its place in foreign trade for a little while, when Spanish conquerors cut ties with England. After Portugal regained its independence in 1640, Lisbon was used as an army base in the English Civil War, which didn't help its position either. French wine gained popularity, while Portuguese wine was criticized for being too coarse, too strong and too sweet, according to Postage. But Portuguese wine made its comeback in the early 1700s, supported by port and Madeira and their popularity with American presidents like Jefferson. Madeira later lost its place in the United States after two consecutive plagues wiped out all of the vineyards in 1919.

Today, port is still very popular and well known to Americans, but it's important to recognize Portugal's other contributions as well.

This week, I tried three different Portuguese wines, beginning with Espiral Vinho

Verde. Vinho Verde, or "green wine," is a great white wine unique to Portugal that is best enjoyed young. Espiral is a medium dry wine that is crisp and refreshing. It is light, isn't too sweet and has only a nine percent alcohol content. Sip this wine well chilled as an aperitif or paired with fish dishes or salads.

The next wine I tried this week was 2008 Perene Tinto, a wine from the Douro region that is very different from a lot of other red wines I have tasted. This wine is a mixture of several regional grapes including Tinta Barroca, Touriga Nacional and Tinta Roriz. The cork broke in my bottle so I was worried it had spoiled, but upon further inspection I was glad it was okay. The aroma is smoky and earthy with hints of tobacco. On the palate, this wine is smooth at first, with hints of chocolate and dark fruits, followed by a very noticeable smoky finish.

The Perene Tinto really surprised me. It's a little bit too smoky for me, but I would definitely try it with a hearty meal of stew or something with a cream sauce, like chicken alfredo. I found this wine at Chase Street Market in Plymouth while on the hunt for Portuguese wine.

The last wine I tried this week was unique in its own way, as it didn't come in a bottle but in a jug, known as a "garrafo" in Portuguese, reminiscent of earlier wine containers containing five liters of wine. Today, these jugs are a glass bottle coated in plastic, but used to be in a basket of some kind. After the wine is gone, the jug can be used to collect and transport water.

While I couldn't find too much information about this wine, Udaça Vinho de Mesa Tinto, I believe it's from the Dao region near Viseu, one of the country's oldest established wine regions with a temperate climate and mountainous terrain. This wine has really grown on me, and good thing because I have a whole jug of it! After letting it aerate ever so slightly, it is fruit-forward, smooth and fairly dry with a pleasant finish. Wines like this are usually available in areas with Portuguese communities, like nearby Fall River, Mass. 🍷

Drink Listings
Beer/wine dinners
• **EUROPEAN CELLARS WINE DINNER** On Thurs., June 20, the Bedford Village Inn (2 Olde Bedford Way in Bedford, 472-2001, bedfordvillageinn.com) will hold a wine dinner with wine distributor Eric Solomon of European Cellars. Hors d'oeuvres and wine start at 6 p.m.; a five-course dinner with

wine pairing starts at 6:30 p.m. and the cost is \$85 per person.
• **COMEDY NIGHT BEER DINNERS** Wednesdays at Holy Grail Pub (64 Main St., Epping, 679-9559) with live entertainment, food, cold beer. \$34 per person. See holygrailrestaurantandpub.com.
Beer/wine festivals and events

• **WINE TASTING AND AUCTION** The Palace Theatre will host its 6th annual wine tasting and auction Thurs., May 30, at 5:30 p.m. on Hanover Street in downtown Manchester. There will be a silent auction and the opportunity to sample wines from 12 select wine vendors and hors d'oeuvres from more than a dozen local restaurants and caterers. Tickets are available through

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DRINK

Red, white and green

At Angela's Pasta and Cheese Shop in Manchester, they're celebrating Austrian wines this month — and it's a perfect seasonal match as highlighted bottles include two white wines that will go well with the warmer days.

First up is **Paul D Gruner Veltliner** (\$13.99 at Angela's). If you haven't tried a gruner veltliner yet, make this one of your summer projects. The wine is crisp and clean but not as grassy as some sauvignon blancs can be. The wine is a go-to wine for pairing with food, is how the Austrian wine marketing material handed out at a recent Angela's tasting described it. It shares some of the crisp, clean flavors you might associate with other Austrian and German whites, like rieslings and gewurztraminers, without the sweetness.

Very light in color, the Paul D had a nice nose of green apple and grapefruit rind. It's clean and crisp as you'd expect from a gruner, and we detected light citrus flavors — grapefruit, Meyer lemon. One taster found the wine to have a slight mineral taste that only enhanced its cleanliness. The Austrian wine pamphlet suggested pairing a gruner veltliner with foods as varied as raw oysters, crispy pork belly, fried fish and even asparagus.

Another good bottle for your lazy start-of-summer weekend is the **Steininger Young** (\$14.95 at Angela's), a blend that is 70 percent gruner veltliner, 20 percent sauvignon blanc and 10 percent muskatteller. When we poured the Young, it was



even lighter in color than the Paul D. It almost looked like water with a faint golden-silver cast. But don't let the light tint fool you — this wine has a big, pretty nose with aromas of citrus and honey. Though not sweet, the wine is full-bodied with a hint of residual sweetness that made us think back to that honey we sniffed on the nose. One taster detected grapefruit and

praised the wine's tartness while another enjoyed the slight buttery-pastry after-taste.

Either one of these wines would be a good addition to your Memorial Day weekend parties, offering something a little different to kick off the season with.

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• **SOUTHERN NH BREWERS FESTIVAL** Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27, at White Birch Brewing, 1339 Hooksett Road in Hooksett. For either night, \$45 gets you admission to the fest from 6 to 9 p.m.; \$60 gets you a VIP ticket for 5 to 9 p.m. Local brewers will offer samples of their beers. The ticket price also includes food, parking and a glass, according to the website. Designated driver tickets are available for \$35. (A service charge is added to tickets purchased online.) See www.whitebirchbrewing.com.

Beer/wine tasting classes

• **WINE SOCIETY** (650 Amherst St., No. 9, in Nashua, 883-4114; winesociety.us) offers classes for wine lovers of all levels. New sessions start every few months. Call for schedule.

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Tricky, *False Idols* (False Idols!/K7 Records)



Trip-hop royals Massive Attack originally formed as a soundsystem called The Wild Bunch, featuring this fellow as the rapping component. Now more of a producer than anything else, he's lately been puffing about how he's reinvented himself in his most honest album to date, since, of course, the last album, about which he said the same thing. There's a Gaga-like BS-ness afoot as you can see, fitting in that his dark, smoky chillouts have always sounded as

though they'd been anointed by God for late-night Rohypnol come-downs; now, pulsating out of his own imprint, he's gone completely torch. Compared to Massive Attack's last album — yes, I know that really has nothing to do with this, but it really does in a way — this stuff is bare-bones sparse, this set of dream-sequence loops. I like that they're consistent in their comparative barely-there-ness (save for the Foreigner-or-whatever electric guitar in "Parenthesis"); it's sexy techno for sure, but it feels a little — repeat, a little — devoid of fleshings-out. **A-** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Here Come the Mummies, *Cryptic* (Sphinter Records)



If Electric Six had a slightly better sense of humor and more horns, it'd probably be a lot like this, at least on the funk side. They're six albums into their oeuvre; they play funk while dressed up as mummies, and yet this the first I've heard of them — me, a longtime monster fan who gave high grades to Zombina & The Skeletones mostly on the strength of their name. They do tend to waver a bit from their bread-and-butter Al Green/Parliament roots: album opener

"You Know The Drill" is total '70s Hot Chocolate vibe, yes, but the vocals can get Doobie Brothers-ish ("Chaperone"), the music POD-nu-metal-ish ("Devil Better Run") and the salsa Miami Sound Machine-ish ("Infinity"). Fun stuff, good sound and diversity. **A-** — *Eric W. Saeger*

PLAYLIST

A Seriously Abridged Compendium of Recent and Future CD Releases

• As of this coming Tuesday, Atlanta singer William Duvall will have been on nearly half the **Alice n Chains** albums, when their new one, *The Devil Put Dinosaurs Here*, comes out! This is because the band was only able to release five albums during the "Layne Staley period," which involved Staley disappearing to do a lot of drugs, which, if you've ever read this space before, makes no sense to me at all, ever. But we'll not get into that this time, we'll just talk about the first single, "Stone," the video of which stars a caveman pushing a rock uphill and another caveman in a cage spitting out rocks, maybe some sort of metaphoric jab against the plight of workers, like us workers don't know we're in a plight in the first place. The song itself has that old-time AnC stoner-doom vibe, lots of groovy upward-glissando trip-out sounds, and cartoonish heavy metal, like the riff main sounds like that old Cheech and Chong song "Earache My Eye," which Harold and Kumar should cover, wearing devil outfits.

• Woah, wait a second, you're not going anywhere, sit down, we're not done with old-time heavy metal and devils, because it's a new **Anvil** album, called *Hope in Hell!* Do these guys still have it? Let's check this puppy out, on the Internet! Dum de dum ... here we are. Yep! The title track has a super cheesy riff, there are hilarious publicity shots right out of a real-life Spinal Tap, and the "hooky chorus" is such a boring devil-fingered platitude it makes me miss Accept and Udo. What ever happened to accept anyway, did Beelzebub lure them to the Ninth Gate with promises of free pallets of Cheetos and then they were made into phlegmatic hipsters? Where do these bands go?

• Lucifer isn't interested in **John Fogerty**, the singer from Creedence Clearwater Revival, though, because everyone actually likes that guy. Really, do you know anyone who doesn't like at least one song from Creedence Clearwater Revival? So anyway, Fogerty, who just turned the tender age of 4,000, is still kickin' it Creedence style, with a new album of Creedence covers, called *Wrote a Song for Everyone!* He was at the Bonnaroo, making new friends, who appear on this album, like My Morning Jacket helps him sing "Long As I Can See the Light," and Foo Fighters help out on "Fortunate Son." Why didn't Lucifer help out on this album? What is that guy's problem?

• Sympho-indie geeks **Polyphonic Spree** release their fourth album, *Yes It's True*, on Tuesday. Includes the single "You Don't Know Me," an upbeat song that's sort of like that Foster The People song "Color the Walls," and it's about standing tall even though mean people suck. Do mean people realize they suck, or do they just make the conscious decision to be even bigger jerks, like "Today I'm going to be such a jerk, even Satan would think I'm a jerk?" — *Eric W. Saeger*

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Life with autism

Bedford mom shares one family’s journey

By Kelly Sennott
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Saturday is purple. Thursday is sometimes green. In fact, every day is different color for Jack Cariello.

It’s just one of the differences in how this 9-year-old Bedford autistic kid sees the world, his mother, Carrie Cariello, writes in her memoir, *What Color is Monday?: How Autism Changed One Family for the Better*.

The book is a look at what it takes to make it through the day with a family of five kids, one of whom has special needs, Carrie Cariello said.

She’d been writing essays for families who had children with Autism Spectrum Disorder but decided to do something more when Riddle Brook Publishing took interest and encouraged her to put together something longer.

The book begins with the diagnosis, when Jack was 1½, and, through anecdotes and stories, slowly brings readers to where the family is today. Readers learn about his phobia of dogs, about their family vacations and about Jack’s particular enjoyment of sending letters signed “Your Secret Admirer.”

But Cariello said the main reason she wanted to write this book was to show readers how her son’s quirks affect the family positively.

“Jack has never held us back as a family. He’s strengthened us so much, and I take as many opportunities as I can to highlight that,” Cariello said.

His siblings — Joey, Charlie, Henry and Rose — all play crucial roles in the Cariello household.

“They’re very watchful of him. If there’s a dog outside the window [Jack is terrified of dogs], they’ll tell him to look away. On the flip side, they’ve given him so much structure. They’ve given him a social world in the house, and they demand the same of him that they demand of each other. They expect as much of him as they do each other,” Cariello said.

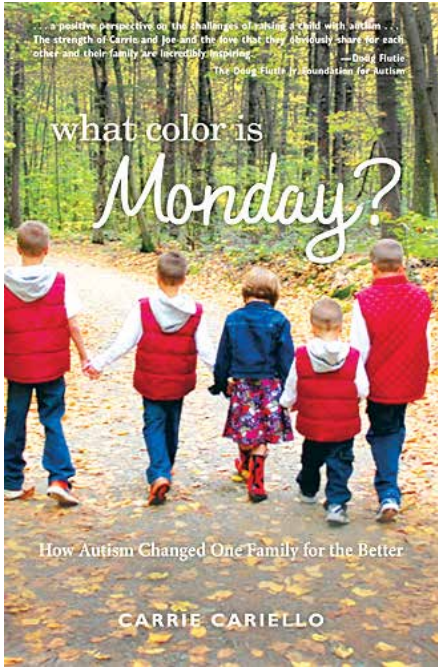
Readers also get a firsthand account as to what it’s like having a brother with Autism Spectrum Disorder: Joey, who’s a year older than Jack, wrote a short chapter about his perspective.

“When he found out I was writing a book, he came down and asked if he could contribute because he had something to say,” Cariello said.

Thus far, the response to her memoir has been overwhelming, Cariello said. The teachers at the Bedford school her kids attend have made it part of their



Carrie and Jack Cariello. Courtesy photo.



book club.

She has a solid following on her blog, carriecariello.com/what-color-is-monday/. These followers want to be part of Jack’s life, too; when they read stories about his admiration of license plates and letters from secret admirers, the Cariello family began receiving letters and license plates in the mail.

“People go out of their way to engage him, to understand him and appreciate him. So many people bridge the gap to autism and make an effort to see the world the way he sees the world,” Cariello said. “And even if you don’t know someone from the spectrum, everybody knows someone who does.”

Hear Carrie Cariello talk about *What Color is Monday?*

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POP CULTURE BOOKS

Carry On, Warrior: Thoughts on Life Unarmed, by Glennon Doyle Melton (Scribner, 266 pages)

I came across Glennon Doyle Melton's blog a year ago, and while the writing was solid, I drifted away, turned off by too much perfection. Turns out I wasn't the only one.

In the opening of Melton's new book, she confesses that other women were approaching her at church to say the same thing. "You are so pulled together. It makes me feel so apart," one woman said. *Carry On, Warrior* effectively solves that problem.

As Melton puts it, her life is as worthy of admiration as her height (5'2½") and culinary skills (frozen pizza is a staple). She's a recovering bulimic, alcoholic and drug user who stumbled into marriage because of an unplanned pregnancy. Her husband is gorgeous (a model, of course) and adoring, but he has been unfaithful, and sometimes she's still not sure they're going to make it long-term, although the family is precious and highly photogenic and increasingly solvent.

Melton's blog is Momastery.com, and *Carry On, Warrior* is the sum of its parts. It is also an effective refutation of the sneering charge that a blog can't be a good book. This is a book of blog postings, and while the chapters are short and often unrelated, they present as a cohesive, entertaining and deeply moving memoir. Whatever Melton's failings as a party girl, she's found her success as a writer.

It's unclear exactly what she did besides binge, snort and drink before beginning to blog in 2009. Those were her so-called "festive" days, and Melton met her husband on a bar crawl through Washington, D.C., when she'd only had "three or seven beers." The serial wantonness and debauchery ended the morning Melton realized she was pregnant with her son (who now has a clean mother and two younger sisters).

With the help of her own sister, after the pregnancy test was positive, Melton cleared her room of beer bottles, plugged her emotional holes with God, and staggered toward a future of sober domesticity. Only, the domesticity part didn't doesn't much agree with her. She prepares most meals by dialing for take-out and confesses that her family's clothes smell strongly of mildew. She stopped vacuuming the day she realized her daughter's doll stroller left vacuum-like lines on the rug, so to "vacuum" she had her daughter push the stroller around the room, while supervising from the coach, until her husband noticed that the freshly vacuumed carpet always had dirt and lint embedded.

Demonstrating that he, too, is more than a pretty face, Melton's husband, Craig, bought her a new vacuum to replace the "malfunc-

CARRY ON, WARRIOR
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tioning" one.

Melton told her daughter the new vacuum was "brand-new, big-girl stroller." With an engine. And taught her to push the vacuum around the room, baby on board.

That's classic Glennon: self-deprecating, sardonic, mildly insane, major-league wit. True, it is wit that is best appreciated if you, too, are outnumbered by children who may one day shriek, "Mommy! You smell like a bar!" in

the cardigan-filled waiting room of the pediatric dentist. That the "bar" was an energy bar was unknown to other mothers who, horrified, looked over at Melton, who was sitting there with a water bottle filled with 41 ounces of ... beet juice.

Melton plays best to an audience of church-going mothers who cuss. But this memoir casts a wider net, delving into such disparate topics as her sister's divorce, her own volcanic marriage, struggles with chronic illness (she has Lyme disease) and the difficulty of maintaining zen when seated at yoga class next to Smelly, Coughy Guy. Everything here is revealed; Melton calls her style "living out loud." While her parents and husband sometimes plead that she should take a few things to the grave, Melton rejects self-censorship. She believes that sharing everything — the ugliness, hole-in-ness and messiness of our lives — is the way to forge relationships dense with meaning.

The title of the book was born on a playground, where Melton sat making small talk with a woman called Tess. Melton suspected Tess might be having marital trouble, but couldn't bring it up because they were "too busy talking about important things, like soccer practice and highlights." Mulling this, Melton realized she'd covered her imperfect past with armor that was serving no useful purpose.

"Life without touching other people is boring as hell," she writes. "It hit me that maybe the battles of life are best fought *without* armor and *without* weapons. That maybe life gets real, good, and interesting when we remove all of the layers of protection we've built around our hearts and walk out onto the battlefield of life *naked*."

This is good and useful imagery when you're as ridiculously photogenic as Melton and her family. And Melton occasionally lets loose a cloying sentimentality, such as "brutiful," the word she coined to describe life as beautiful and brutal. At such a time, we're tempted to avert our eyes briefly or offer her a drink. But, carry on, Glennon Doyle Melton. The book proves the worth of the blog, and if you're this good at your first manuscript, we expect to be enamored of the tenth. **A**

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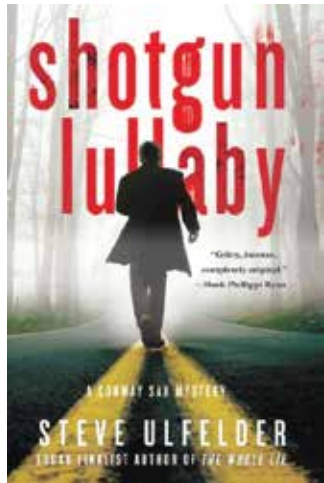
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— Kelly Sennott

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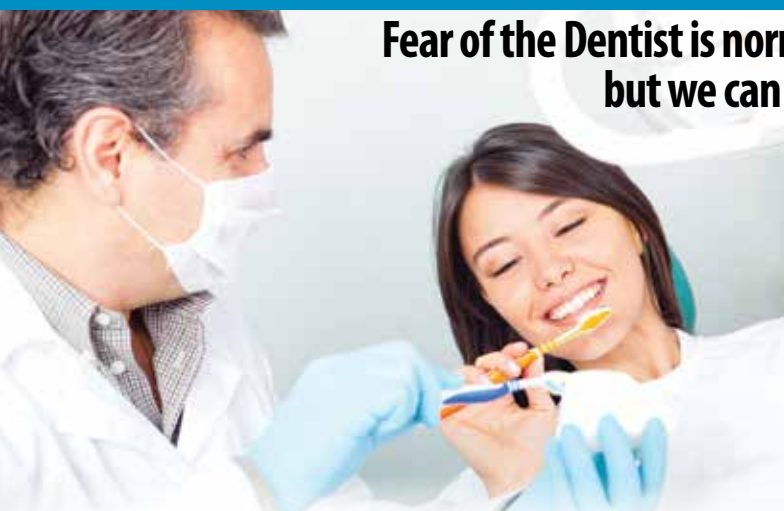
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• **AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY** Wednesday afternoon book club meets on the second Friday of the month at the library, 1-3 p.m. Visitors and/or new members always welcome (call in advance). Amherst newcomers group meets Thursdays evenings at 7:30 p.m. Visit the library for titles.

• **ANIME CLUB** at Nashua Public Library for grades 8-12 meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m.

• **ANIME CLUB** at Manchester City Library for grades 6-12 meets on some Thursdays at 4 p.m. This is an informal club where fans can gather to play cards, watch movies, discuss their favorite characters, and draw.

• **ANIME & MANGA CLUB** is forming at Rodgers Memorial Library in Hudson and seeks members to join. Meetings will involve book discussions, anime viewing and workshops. Visit www.rodgerslibrary.org or call 886-6030.

• **THE BOOK CELLAR** in Nashua hosts a book club that meets on the first Wed. of each month, new members always welcome. The Book Cellar is at 34 Northwest Blvd., Nashua, in the Westside Plaza, 881-5570, www.bookcellaronline.com.

• **BOOKS IN THE MILL** spring book group series with Manchester Library and Manchester Historic Association. Meets Thursdays at Manchester Library mezzanine (405 Pine St., Manchester), 6:30-8 p.m., manchester.unh.edu/events.

• **BUDDHIST PHILOSOPHY** book discussion group focuses on current literature on Buddhist topics, meets the second Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Anyone with an interest in Buddhist philosophy is invited

to join: www.meetup.com/Manchester-Buddhism-Sangha.

• **CANDIA SMYTH PUBLIC LIBRARY** book discussion group meets for friendly one-hour discussion once a month. The library is at 55 High St., Candia, 483-8245, www.smythpl.org.

• **CLASSICS CROWD** at Milford Toadstool Bookshop reads 19th-century British classics and meets every other month to discuss books voted on by consensus. New members always welcome. Meets on the third Thursday of the month. Visit toadstool.indiebound.com/event for book titles.

• **GIBSON'S BOOKSTORE** hosts monthly book discussions. Everyone is welcome to come for all or any of the dates. All discussion titles are 25 percent off until the date of their discussion. All meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.

• **GOFFSTOWN LIBRARY** evening book group meets the first Tuesday of the month, open to any interested teen or adult. June 4 is *Nemesis* by Philip Roth; July 2 is *The Flight of Gemma Hardy* by Margot Livesey.

• **GOFFSTOWN LIBRARY** "literary ladies"/afternoon book discussion group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. Wed., May 22, is *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan Philipp Sendker. Call 497-2102 if interested in joining book discussion group.

• **HOOKSETT LIBRARY** book group generally meets on the third Thursday of the month. New members always welcome.

• **HOLLIS SOCIAL LIBRARY** hosts a book discussion group on the third Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the library meeting room. No signup required. Check with the library for the selection of the month. Mother daughter book club on the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. For girls grades 4-8 and their mothers.

• **HOOKSETT LIBRARY** tween book group for sixth- and seventh-graders meets certain Wednesdays; sign up online.

• **KELLEY LIBRARY** Book Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The non-fiction book group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

• **LACONIA PUBLIC LIBRARY** (695 Main St., Laconia, 524-4775, ext. 15) hosts a "Novel Time at the Library" book discussion series.

• **MANCHESTER CITY LIBRARY** evening book discussion group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Hunt Room.

On Your Mark. Get Set. Go.

With a new producer, the 48-Hour Film Project is getting ready to run again

By Jeff Mucciarone
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After participating 10 times, John Herman decided it was time to give back to the 48-Hour Film Project. Herman took the reins of the annual film competition from Bill and Katie Cote, who stepped down as producers this year.

“I hit the ground running,” Herman said. The fourth annual competition, which gives filmmaker teams 48 hours to write, direct and produce a short film, will take place from Friday, June 7, to Sunday, June 9. The international 48-Hour Film Project is in its 13th year.

On opening night at 7 p.m. at Double Midnight Comics, a team representative will draw a genre out of a hat, such as horror, romance, western or musical. Then, each team receives the same character name, occupation, line of dialogue and prop. Each team must incorporate those items into its film. Other than that, filmmakers call all the shots.

“It is pure creative adrenaline for 48 hours,” Herman said. “You have to make snap decisions and hope for the best. But you also have to put your trust in others.”

Herman said teams must submit their films, which are limited to seven minutes, by 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, back at Double Midnight Comics.

Later that week, film teams’ finished products will be screened at Cinemagic in Hooksett. It’s thrilling for filmmakers to see their films up on the big screen, Herman said.

As of last week, 19 teams had signed on. Typically, the competition is limited to about 30 teams.

Judges choose the best films in a number of categories; the audience gets to vote for their favorites as well. The top film will be sent to the international competition.

“The most successful teams register as early as they can and then they begin the process of building their team,” he said.

For Herman, the competition has been a creative outlet that has allowed him to meet and collaborate with artists, musicians, editors and actors.

“I think our community needs the project, and it was almost like an honor and a duty [to take over as producer] because I’d gotten so much from it,” Herman said.

For filmmakers, the competition pro-

48-Hour Film Project

When: Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m. through Sunday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Double Midnight Comics, 245 Maple St. in Manchester

Visit: 48hourfilm.com/en/newhampshire or find them on Facebook.

Cost: \$160 by Wednesday, May 28, and \$175 after that.

Contact: Email newhampshire@48hourfilm.com.



The NH team “Wax Idiotal” working on their film *Stalling* in 2009. Photo courtesy Adamo Maisano.

vides instant gratification. It forces them to make a film happen.

“It challenges you not to talk but to do,” Herman said. “And that resonates with a lot of people.”

The competition draws a cross-section of participants, from production companies with something to prove, to student filmmakers to first-time filmmakers. For the one weekend, everyone is on an even playing field. Herman remembered a particularly high quality film from last year that was made with a smartphone camera.

Through the years, Herman has seen film quality increase. People can go to

YouTube and watch just about every entry from previous years, including winners from all over the country. Those films challenge filmmakers, Herman said.

As a veteran of the competition, Herman offered some advice: do not skip food, and sleep.

“It sounds silly to someone not doing the project, but you’re so involved that you can forget to sleep and eat,” Herman said, adding that the finished product will be better if people take the time for some sustenance and some rest. “I learned that the hard way.”

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Star Trek Into Darkness (PG-13)

Get more Kirk, more Spock and just enough Benedict Cumberbatch in *Star Trek Into Darkness*, a mostly fantastic second entry in J.J. Abrams’ rebooted *Star Trek* franchise.

Captain James Tiberius Kirk (Chris Pine) of the starship Enterprise breaks all the rules, takes dangerous risks with his ship and beds not one but two lady-aliens who have long, monkey-like tails. He is, in short, Kirk-ing it up. Spock (Zachary Quinto) meanwhile is cool and logical, even when it comes to his own life or death — a fact that annoys his girlfriend, Uhura (Zoe Saldana). Spock gets on the bad side of Kirk as well when he (Spock) files a report that leads to Kirk’s losing his position as captain. Admiral Pike (Bruce Greenwood) is going to take over, Kirk will be his first mate and Spock will be reassigned. Of course, quicker than you can shout “spoiler alerrrrrrrrrrrrrr!” at the heavens, events overtake these plans. A man named John Harrison (Benedict Cumberbatch — and, yes, I just wanted to write his full name again for the musicality of it) commits two acts of, oh, let’s just call it terrorism, and Kirk and the Starship are tasked with putting an end to him, drone assassination-style. See, Harrison is hiding on Kronos, home world to the Klingons, who are thisclose to war with the Federation. If the ship goes to the edge of the neutral zone and sends a few predator drones — I’m sorry, “photon torpedoes” — to Harrison’s location, maybe they can take him out without provoking a war.

But dammit, Jim, that’s not how Federation due process works. So once again Kirk disobeys orders — which might not be as reliable as they first appear — and heads to Kronos to capture Harrison and bring him back to Earth for trial.

Yes, this is probably more War on Terror discussion than you were expecting in your sci-fi action extravaganza, but for



Star Trek Into Darkness

the most part *Into Darkness* pulls it off. It maybe gives the movie a little heft without getting in the way of the big action set-pieces that Abrams knows he needs to deliver. And if the intrusion of modern politics and some of the “but why would they bother to do X”-type plot holes it creates is at times something you will fast forward through when you watch this movie on DVD, it’s still OK. I can forgive this movie for a few frayed edges. I could forgive this movie a lot — there is a glee to these proceedings and a lot of nods to Trek-lore (“Damn it, man” and Tribbles and “the needs of the many”) that come together to make the movie loveable even when it drags. And then come the movie’s final 30 or so minutes that are so perfect they improve, in retrospect, the roughly hour and a half that came before. I won’t go into detail, I will only say that fists were pumped, “yipees” were squealed.

I do not think you have to be a serious Trekkie to enjoy the movie (I am only a part-time Trekkie, as evidenced by the use of the word “Trekkie”). The Spock/Kirk bromance is well-constructed and the two actors have a kind of chemistry that makes their deep friendship believable. In fact,

Quinto’s Spock has excellent chemistry all the way around — with Pine’s Kirk, with Saldana’s Uhura and even with Cumberbatch’s villain.

The rest of the original crew is nicely drawn as well: Sulu (John Cho) has never seemed so badass and Scotty (Simon Pegg) gets one of the more fun scenes. Maybe it’s how Pegg approaches the role or maybe it’s on purpose, but his Scotty is almost an audience Mary Sue. Only Bones (Karl Urban) and Checkov (Anton Yelchin) are left without a lot to do but they still help to round out our familiar gang.

Star Trek Into Darkness does the update of well-loved characters right, paying appropriate respect to the universe people know while still finding plenty of ways to be innovative and unexpected. Perhaps there’s hope for those new Star Wars movies yet. **B+**

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of science fiction action and violence. Directed by J.J. Abrams and written by Roberto Orci & Alex Kurtzman & Damon Lindelof, Star Trek Into Darkness is two hours and 12 minutes long and distributed by Paramount Pictures.

Mud (PG-13)

A man (or, rather, two boys) goes on a journey and a stranger comes to town in *Mud*, a coming-of-age drama full of smart writing and solid performances.

This is the kind of movie you’d want to take your kid to if you weren’t afraid your kid would pick up too many tips on petty thievery and get nightmares from the fist-fights and shoot-outs. Sure, there are the 14-year-old boys with imperfect guardians and an almost child-like wonder at a mysterious boat that is wedged in a tree, but then there’s the violence — explicit and implied — and the sense that something terrible and bloody is about to happen. It’s like Tom Sawyer or Hardy Boys meets the TV show *Justified*.

Ellis (Tye Sheridan) and his buddy Neckbone (Jacob Lofland) are high school freshmen, perhaps a bit small for their ages, who live on (in Ellis’ case) or near (Neckbone) the river in Arkansas. Ellis’ parents (Ray McKinnon, Sarah Paulson) are going through some never-quite-explained troubles; Neckbone lives with a ladies-man uncle (Michael Shannon) who makes a living gathering shellfish from the Mississippi. Perhaps in part because of a desire to escape these less-than-ideal situations (at least for a little while), the boys latch on to the adventure promised by an abandoned boat that Neckbone and his uncle find. The boat is wedged in the branches of a tree, washed there during a flood. They’re not sure how, but Ellis and Neckbone plan to make it their own.

But when they check out the boat, they find that they aren’t the only people who know about it. Mud (Matthew McConaughey) has been living in the boat. The boys run into the shabby-looking Mud, who says that while he may be a hobo he certainly isn’t a bum, and also, he plans to keep the boat. He makes them a deal: if they’ll help him restore it, he’ll give them the pistol he’s carrying.

REVIEWLETS

* indicates a movie worth seeing. For reviews of graded films, go to [hippopress.com](#)

The Big Wedding (R)

Diane Keaton, Robert De Niro.

And also Katherine Heigl, Amanda Seyfried, Susan Sarandon and Topher Grace. In true wacky wedding comedy fashion, divorced couple Keaton and De Niro have to pretend to be married when their adopted son’s very Catholic biological mother attends his wedding. **F**

The Croods (PG)

Voices of Ryan Reynolds, Nicholas Cage.

The overprotective dad of a family of cavemen struggles to keep his kids safe even as his teenage daughter is all “I want to go to the mall” (or whatever the pre-historic version of the food court was). Opened Friday, March 22.

Epic (PG)

Voices of Amanda Seyfried, Josh Hutcherson. Because the little kids need

something for Memorial Day: tiny protectors of the forest face off with forces of evil.

Yes, your kids will make you go but, hey, on the upside, Christoph Waltz voices the villain. Opens Friday, May 24.

Fast & Furious 6 (PG-13)

Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Even more fastness, even greater furiousness! Against all common sense or story continuity, Michelle Rodriguez returns as Dom’s love interest Letty. Opens Friday, May 24.

The Great Gatsby (PG-13)

Leonardo DiCaprio, Carey Mulligan. And pulling narrator/Nick Carraway duty is Tobey Maguire. Get ready for a Baz Luhrmann-led ride to East and West Egg, all full of romantic entanglements and personal reinvention. **B**

Iron Man 3 (PG-13)

Robert Downey Jr., Don Cheadle. And, of course, humanity’s most beautiful person Gwyneth Paltrow. Iron Man faces

off against Ben Kingsley, who plays the Mandarin — a villain who seeks to conquer the world by taking any and every movie role that crosses his path. **B**

The Hangover Part III (R)

Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms. And, of course, Zach Galifianakis. The trio reunites — and runs in to Heather Graham and Ken Jeong — for what, allegedly, will be the final movie of this franchise. Opens Thursday, May 23.

The Host (PG-13)

Saorise Ronan, Max Irons. Stephenie Meyer adds a new side to the classic supernatural love triangle: two men are in love with the same girl, but one likes the human being and another grows to be fond of the alien that has been implanted in her — at least that’s how it went in the book. The *Twilight* author’s “book for adults” (which, whatever that means when so many of the *Twilight* series no longer put the Y in YA) is adapted for film. **C**

The boys agree to the arrangement, but when police start showing Mud’s photo and “Wanted” poster around they realize they might be in a more dangerous situation than they thought. It’s not just law enforcement looking for Mud; Juniper (Reese Witherspoon), a woman who recently arrived at the local hotel, is looking for him, as are shady-seeming men from Texas.

Mud is that rare kind of movie that never sounded particularly interesting to me before I saw it but pulled me in and held my attention once it started. Its characters are remarkably well-crafted and true-to-life. Any Southern-set movie about small-town life (including, in the background, a plot thread about how life along the river is changing) has the potential to devolve into caricature. *Mud* keeps its collection of oddballs feeling like people, not types. McConaughey’s Mud so easily could have become goofy or over-the-top, but some combination of his performance and the way the character was built keeps Mud from seeming too ridiculous or from turning into a noble savage type.

Ellis and the way the movie is pretty much consistently from his perspective might be the key to why *Mud* works. The character feels like a real kid, specifically, like a real 14-year-old who still has a good amount of boy in him (especially in how he trusts people and is so wounded when they disappoint) but also is becoming more of a man. There is a nice subplot about Ellis’ wooing of an older high school girl. A lot is going on in this storyline — we see Ellis’ guilelessness, his desire to get right the things his parents are getting wrong, his teenage-boy pride at having a girlfriend and maybe even his class limitations. For someone so young, Sheridan gives a surprisingly nuanced performance.

Mud is the kind of meaty, smart storytelling that can feel in short supply during blockbuster season. **B+**

Rated PG-13 for some violence, sexual references, language, thematic elements and smoking. Written and directed by Jeff Nichols, Mud is two hours and 10 minutes long and distributed by Roadside Attractions.

FIVE REASONS TO GET EXCITED ABOUT SUMMER



Sure, actual summer doesn’t start until June 21, but movie summer is, by the time you read this, already nearing its fourth weekend. So far, *Iron Man 3* has been the big winner, bringing in nearly \$1.1 billion (yes, with a “b”) worldwide (according to Box Office Mojo). But summer has only just begun to dazzle you with special effects and giant box office numbers. Here are five films I’m looking forward to this summer.

- ***Much Ado About Nothing*** (June 7) Joss Whedon tackles Shakespeare — yes, I know, it already sounds like too much. But when the universe makes a movie that is essentially just for me (and just for the yous out there who know who you are), then you are obligated to find it and see it. The cast includes Whedon regulars like Amy Acker, Alexis Denisof, Nathan Fillion and Clark Gregg (Agent Coulson).
- ***Man of Steel*** (June 14) I am one of a very small number of moviegoers who actually enjoyed the overly serious Brandon Routh *Superman Returns* from 2006, but nevertheless I agree with the decision to ditch whatever that was and do something different. Henry Cavill (who definitely has the clean-cut Superman looks) plays the titular hero in this movie directed by Zack Snyder (*300*, *Watchmen* — and let us not speak of *Sucker Punch*) with a story co-written by Christopher Nolan (the most recent Batman trilogy, *Inception*).
- ***The Heat*** (June 28) Check out this line-up: writer Katie Dippold (of *Parks and Recreation*), director Paul Feig (*Freaky and Geeks*, *Bridesmaids*) and actors Melissa McCarthy (from *Bridesmaids* and from just generally being straight-up awesome), Tony Hale, Nathan Corbrey and Sandra Bullock, who I have been late to the party about in terms of her genuine comic chops.
- ***R.I.P.D.*** (July 19) OK, so it looks like a blend of *Men In Black*, *Dead Like Me* (a Showtime series nobody saw) and *Good vs. Evil* (a series really nobody saw on USA and, apparently, Sci-Fi). But all of those things have an element of awesome to them so I am excited about this Ryan Reynolds/Jeff Bridges-led film about lawmen past and present who are members of a police squad who hunt down the dead and protect the living. (I might even check out the Dark Horse Comic on which the movie is based.)
- ***Elysium*** (Aug. 9) Writer/director Neill Blomkamp (whose first feature film was the brutal and awesome *District 9*) presents this dystopian sci-fi film starting Matt Damon. Some 150 years in the future, the haves live on a pleasant space station and the have-nots suffer on a ruined Earth.

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• *The Sapphires* (PG-13, 2012) Wed., May 22, at 8 p.m.

• *The Company You Keep* (R, 2012) Thurs., May 23, at 2:05 p.m.

• *Mud* (PG-13, 2013) Thurs., May 23, at 2, 5:25 or 8 p.m.; Fri., May 24, through Sat., May 26, at 12:30, 3:15, 6 & 8:45 p.m.; Mon., May 27, & Tues., May 28, at 2, 5:25 & 8 p.m.; Wed., May 29, at 2 p.m.; & Thurs., May 30, at 2, 5:25 & 8 p.m.

• *Starbuck* (R, 2011) Thurs., May 23, at 2:10 & 7:40 p.m.

• *Darkest Hour: The Crisis in Children's Mental Health Care* documentary, Wed., May 22, at 6:15 p.m.

• *The Departed* (R, 2006) Thurs., May 23, at 7 p.m.

• *The Iceman* (R, 2012) Fri., May 24, through Sat., May 26, at 1, 3:30, 6:10 & 8:10 p.m.; Mon., May 27, Tues., May 28, & Thurs., May 30, at 2:05, 5:35 & 8:05 p.m.; & Wed., May 29, at 2:05, 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.

• *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* (R, 2012) Fri., May 24, at 2 p.m.; Sat., May 25, & Sun., May 26, at 2, 5:30 & 8 p.m.; Mon., May 27, through Wed., May 29, at 2:10, 5:30 & 7:50 p.m.; & 2:10 & 7 p.m.

• *Battleship Potemkin* (1925) Fri., May 24, at 7 p.m.

• *A Place at the Table* (PG, 2012) Wed., May 29, at 6 p.m.

• Independent Lens Red River Theatres partnered with New Hampshire Public Television to present a free monthly series of screenings and discussions featuring films from the PBS series Independent Lens. The final screening will take place on Tues., June 11, at 6:30 p.m.

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• *Mud* (PG-13, 2013) Thurs., May 23, at 7:30 p.m.

• *The Company You Keep* (R, 2012) Fri., May 24, through Thurs., May 30, at 7:30 p.m. with additional screenings at 2 & 4:30 p.m. on Sun., May 26.

• *Star Trek Into Darkness* (PG-13, 2013) Thurs., May 23, through Thurs., May 30, at 7:30 p.m., with an additional screening at 2 p.m. on Sun., May 26.

• *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* (1944) Sat., May 25, at 4:30 p.m.

• *Tell it to the Marines* (1926) Sun., May 26, at 4:30 p.m.

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Screen 1: *Epic* (PG, 2013) & *The Croods* (PG, 2013)

Screen 2: *The Hangover Part III* (R, 2013) & *Star Trek Into Darkness* (PG-13, 2013)

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• *Men in Black 3* (PG-13, 2012) Wed., May 29, at 1 p.m.

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• *Premium Rush* (PG-13, 2012) Wed., June 12, at 1 p.m.

• *Field of Dreams* (PG, 1989) Wed., June 19, at 1 p.m.

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• *Finding Nemo* (G, 2003) Fri., June 7, at 3 p.m.

• *Escape from Planet Earth* (PG, 2013) Fri., June 14, at 3 p.m.

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• *Oz The Great and Powerful* (PG, 2013) Fri., June 28, at 7 p.m.

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• *A Community of Gardeners* documentary, Tues., May 28, at 7 p.m. The film will be followed by a Q&A about community gardening in Nashua.

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• *Free Family Film* Sat., May 18, at 1 p.m.

• *Free Family Film* Sat., June 15, at 1 p.m.

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• *The Work of 1000* documentary, Wed., June 12, at 7 p.m.

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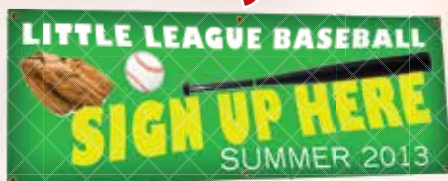
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Nite Roundup

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Find the groove:** Roots chanteuse **Christa Renee** celebrates her band's new release with a local show. A standout track from the four-song *Roots Dance Culture* EP is "Lovesick," a simmering, sultry number. Her band shares the stage with another resurgent area combo, **Duty Free**, part of The Shaskeen's Thirsty Thursday music series (no cover, 21+). See them Thursday, May 23, at 9 p.m. at The Shaskeen, 909 Elm St. in Manchester. See christareneeband.com.

• **Nashville cat:** A couple of months back, **Tom Dixon** departed to Music City, vowing he'd return for the occasional hometown show. Promise kept — a quick Northeast Acoustic Tour includes dates in Hampstead (Lobster Q, May 22), Weare (Boondocks Tavern, May 23), Laconia (Weirs Beach Lobster Pound, May 24) and Londonderry (Stumble Inn, May 25). Dixon's new album, *Kick Start This Party*, should be available at these local gigs. See tomdixonmusic.com.

• **Guitar hero:** Leddie Jackson is a bruising guitarist — seriously, he uses custom equipment because it's harder to break. Jackson's not short on finesse, however, as demonstrated by the soaring solo in "Miss OnaLee," from *One Down*, just released by his band **Drifting Son**. The new disc receives a coming out party, with a free copy to all attending the band's weekend Manchester show. See Drifting Son on Saturday, May 25, at 9 p.m. at Milly's Tavern, 500 Commercial St. in Manchester. See driftingsonband.com.

• **Feel the noise:** An all-day rock show culminates with fireworks. MTV heroes **Quiet Riot** perform with a new lead singer (the position is apparently less stable than drumming for Spinal Tap). Providing support are local bands Prospect Hill and Flood This Earth, along with Aerosmith tribute group Draw the Line and Batter — Masters of Metallica. Attend the Rock 101 Sky Show on Sunday, May 26, at 2 p.m. (fireworks at 9:20 p.m.) at Arms Park, Commercial Street in Manchester. Tickets are \$5. See rock101fm.com.

• **Honky tonkin':** Channeling Merle, Buck, George, Johnny and Hank Sr. for a weekly get-together are **The Seldom Playwrights**. Band members play regularly with Americana standouts like Slaid Cleaves, Mark Erelli and Susan Tedeschi. For this event, they unwind and work through their favorite music, with an occasional guest — because everyone loves "Folsom Prison Blues." See The Seldom Playwrights on Tuesday, May 27, at 8 p.m. at Blue Mermaid Island Grill, 409 The Hill in Portsmouth. See bluemermaid.com.

NITE In the round

Songwriter showcase closes out Simple Gifts Coffeehouse season

By Michael Witthaus
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Twenty-five years in, the Simple Gifts Coffee House continues to attract an eclectic array of music.

Next season will be Anya Zakiewicz's eighth booking the listening room, located in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua. Don't ask her to name a favorite show, however — she loves them all.

There are plenty of memorable moments, like welcoming John Gorka a few weeks back. But it's love of music that drives Zakiewicz and a team that works tirelessly presenting eight or nine shows a year.

"Everyone we bring, everyone agrees and is excited about," she said recently.

The season finale on June 1 (postponed by a February storm) brings several talented singer songwriters together. The feature performer, Timothy Jackson Scott, came to her attention when he appeared at the nearby Riverwalk café.

"Timothy is something else," said Zakiewicz of Scott, who's still in high school. "He has this presence like Bob Dylan ... not just music and poetry, but the whole package."

She's quick to praise the other performers sharing the stage. Tom Keating is a local luthier — "a fine songwriter and performer ... a wonderful and talented man" — and Kevin G. Moore, who gained a love for folk music playing at Linden Tree Coffeehouse in Wakefield, Mass.

Amy Spillert writes original songs that frequently draw from the North Shore area she calls home.

"She is a wonderful singer and definitely has that Old World folk flavor to her music

Singer/Songwriter Showcase with feature performer Timothy Jackson Scott

When: Saturday, June 1, at 7 p.m.

Where: Simple Gifts Coffee House, UU Church, 58 Lowell St. in Nashua

Tickets: \$10 at uunashua.org/simplegi

and a very gentle presence on the stage," said Zakiewicz.

Along with the solo performers is Neptune's Car — Holly Hanson and New Hampshire native Steve Hayes. Their nautically themed name reflects a love of lighthouses, and their music compares favorably to the Civil Wars.

Rounding out the evening is Les Canney, who will appear with a trio. The event is a showcase with a twist, said Zakiewicz.

"We made it more of a tournament. ... The audience plus the team will decide their favorite performer [and] they will be invited back to be the feature next year."

The show is also a fundraiser, with all money donated to the Nashua Soup Kitchen.

Zakiewicz is still excited by Simple Gifts' mission, though she occasionally worries about the long-term future.

"I love this venue and I love what coffee houses are and what they do, but I'm a little concerned at the lack of attention they get," she said.

Early on, local media covered it generously, but that waned, much to her disappointment.

"We're bringing really fine people here and Nashua should know about this," she said. "But they say, 'Oh, that happens in the church, right?' And I say, 'Yeah, but it's not church related.' Nothing we do has



anything to do with organized religion, but there seems to be some stigma to it and people just don't pay attention."

That said, Simple Gifts presses on. Muriel Anderson is already booked to open the fall 2013 series. A guitar virtuoso who studied with Chet Atkins, Anderson is available due to a happy coincidence. She's doing a New York guitar symposium that's a few hours' drive away.

"I just called her up and said, 'Hey, would you consider doing this?' and after much talking she said yes," said Zakiewicz. Such "fill in" shows help keep costs down.

Next season will also mark the start of a stewardship campaign to recruit new blood.

"I'm trying to get some of the younger people involved because they are the ones that will carry this forward," said Zakiewicz. "If they understand what the coffee house means ... I think they will want to continue keeping it going." 🍷

Paying it forward

Dusty Gray Band plays for Boys & Girls Club

By Michael Witthaus
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When Dusty Gray finished high school, he considered college, but the pull of music was too strong. The first group Gray assembled was named Dusty and the Know; the moniker reflected certainty about his chosen future, but also summed up how many people responded to the band.

Among the admirers was Chris Emond, executive director of the Concord Boys & Girls Club, where Gray worked during the day while playing gigs

at night.

"Chris will tell you if you ask," Gray said recently. "He came out with a bunch of people and saw me play and said, 'Whoa' — they knew that Dusty and the Know had the talent."

Gray became the athletic director at the Boys & Girls Club when he turned 21, but Emond gave him space to follow his dreams.

"They really were flexible with my hours and with me really pursuing music," Gray said. "He always gave me a thumbs up and a 'Go for it.'"

It's worked out nicely. Gray spends half his time in Nashua building a songwriting résumé, and he performs constantly. His current band's debut album features keyboard work from Garth Hudson, who agreed to lay on the record's final song after hearing some demo tracks and telling Gray that the sound and progressions reminded him of The Band.

"When I heard that, I was like, 'Oh boy!' That's a lot for one man's head," Gray said. "But it's so gratifying to have that stamp of approval."

Gray knows that without the early support of folks like Emond, the journey might have been a lot harder.

"If you have people like that in your corner," he said, "you're very lucky."

So when Bow High School contacted Gray about doing a show for a charity of his choice, he didn't think long about a beneficiary. *Dusty Gray Band Gives Back* happens Friday, May 24, in the school's 600-seat auditorium. A two-hour set will feature the roots music that's given the band so

NITE

much momentum of late, along with a few surprises.

“We always bring it, but with this show we’re going to try to break it down and do a little acoustic performance and show a different side of the band,” said Gray. “More the instrumental side ... then we’re going to pick it back up and hit it hard, mostly all originals but maybe a couple of covers.”

The latter could include anything from Otis Redding to Eric Church — “He’s a great writer of breaking-edge country,” Gray said — and maybe an Allman Brothers song or two.

“We always want to make it our own and it has to be cool, it has to be something that we want to jam to,” said Gray. “I’ve never been a cover guy, but I do songs that I like and feel deserve to be covered.”

Gray hopes to fill the room and send a big check to the organization. He considers their work vital, and when the performer isn’t in Nashville, he runs a teen center in Allenstown 20 to 25 hours a week.

“You get the kids whose parents work, and it’s always good to have structure and mentoring — that’s what they do,” he said. “I work with sixth- through 12th-graders [on] real-life situations — how to manage your bankbook, apply for a first job, get



Dusty Gray. Courtesy photo.

Dusty Gray Band

When: Friday, May 24, at 7 p.m.

Where: Bow High School, 32 White Rock Hill Road, Bow

Tickets: \$7 adults/\$5 students – see dustrygray.com

into college, things like that. It prepares them for adulthood.”

It also provides respite, a place to relax and catch up.

“We just have a fun time playing pool or a basketball game, or even getting homework done — they offer that too,” said Gray.

Nightlife Listings
Music, Comedy & Parties

• **DAN BLAKESLEE** will perform at Discover Portsmouth (10 Middle St., Portsmouth) Thurs., May 23, at 7 p.m. Blakeslee will play an hour long set. Tickets are \$12. Call 436-8433 or visit portsmouthhistory.org.

• **JEFF DEARBORN & CHAIN DRIVE WALLET** will perform at the Henniker Congregational Church (Route 114, Henniker) Sat., May 25, at 7 p.m. The show is part of the Music at the Meetinghouse series. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Visit hennikerchurch.org.

• **FIREWORKS DANCE PARTY** at Queen City Ballroom (21 Dow St., Second Floor, Manchester) Sun., May 26, at 6 p.m. Take part in ballroom, Latin and swing dance styles with a view of the Atlas Fireworks Skyshow 21. Tickets are \$9. Call 622-1500, email karen@queencityballroomnh.com or visit queencityballroomnh.com.

• **THE JUMBO CIRCUS PEANUTS** will perform at the Elks Lodge & Function Room (500 Jones Ave., Portsmouth) Sat., June 1, at 8 p.m. The show will benefit the Friends of the Earth, Sea & Space Center. Tickets are \$20. Call 436-7778 or visit earthseaspacemuseum.org.

• **GRANITE STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL** at Kiwanis Waterfront Park (15 Loudon Road, Concord) Sat., June 22, and Sun.,

June 23. Visit granitestatemusicfest.org.

• **ORIGINAL MUSIC VENUE** at Riverwalk Cafe & Coffee House (35 Railroad Square, Nashua) every Friday, 7:30-10 p.m. Open mike featuring local performers playing strictly original music. Call 578-0200 or visit riverwalkroasters.com.

Entertainment

• **OPEN MIKE** at Apotheca Flowers & Tea Chest (24c Main St., Goffstown) Fri., May 24, at 7 p.m. Performers must be high school age or older. Email sandyw@goffstownlibrary.com.

• **SLAM FREE OR DIE** at Milly’s Tavern (500 Commercial St., Manchester) every Thursday, 7-11 p.m. Open-mike slam poetry series. Cover charge is \$3. Visit facebook.com/slamfreeordie.

• **SUNDAY NIGHT BALLROOM** dance parties are held weekly at Queen City Ballroom Dance Studio, 21 Dow St., Manchester, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets cost \$9; admission is free for first-timers. Singles and couples are welcome. Call 622-1500 or visit queencityballroomnh.com.

• **OPEN MIKE** at True Brew Barista (3 Bicentennial Square, Concord) Thursdays, at 7:30 p.m. No cover charge. Call 225-2776 or visit truebrewbarista.com.

• **POETS JAM** will be held at The Jam Factory at Raxx Billiards, 1211 Elm St., Manchester, on Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The jam is 18-plus.

• **SINGLES DANCE** held every Friday at 8 p.m. with DJ JoAnn at Daniels Hall, Route 4, Nottingham. Admission is \$12 and includes free light buffet and drinks, casual dress. Call 942-8525 or see singlesdanceparties.com.

Karaoke

• **603 LOUNGE** 14 W. Hollis St., Nashua, 821-5260, Thursdays at 8 p.m.

• **BEIJING & TOKYO** 61 S. Main St., Concord, 228-0888, Fridays and Saturdays at 9 p.m.

• **BUCCOS** 143 Main St., Kingston, 642-4999, Thursdays, from 7 to 10 p.m. w/ DJ Bob Fauri

• **CITY SPORTS GRILLE** 216 Maple St., Manchester, 625-9656, Thursdays at 9 p.m.

• **CHEN’S** 122 E. Broadway, Derry, 437-8338, Saturdays at 8:30 p.m.

• **CHEN YANG LI** 520 South St., Bow, 228-8508, Thursdays at 9 p.m.

• **ELEMENT LOUNGE** 1055 Elm St., Manchester, 627-2922, Sundays at 6 p.m. and Tuesdays at 8 p.m. with DJ Sharon.

• **FODY’S GREAT AMERICAN TAVERN** 9 Clinton St., Nashua, 577-9015, Tuesdays at 9 p.m.

• **GATE CITY PUB** 56 Canal St., Nashua, 598-8256, Thursdays at 9 p.m. to close with DJ Bernie D

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Surf sounds

12 can't-miss summer shows on the coast

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Enter laughing:** Begin summer with comediennes Jessica Casciano, Jenny Zigrino and Christa Weiss, who promise that no topic is off limits at *High Heels Comedy Show III*. Get “pumped” as they dish on sex, family, gossip and modern life in a couples-friendly way. A light menu is available during the show, along with food from two adjacent restaurants. Friday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at Portsmouth Gas Light Co., 64 Market St. in Portsmouth. Tickets are \$20 at tinyurl.com/bw356mg.

• **Future music:** An ancient instrument is paired with something out of sci-fi to create electronic dance music at *Bastinado Summer Soundscape*. Joseph Carringer plays the didgeridoo while Josh Harris performs on Reactable Live, its music generated by programmed sound loops manipulated by the movement of objects on a glass table. It needs to be seen to be believed, and it goes great with yoga, too. Saturday, June 29, at 8 p.m. at Green Lotus Yoga Studio, 10 Franklin Plaza in Dover; \$20 in advance at greenlotusyoganh.com.

• **Brew bash:** Enjoy a beer or two at a 21-and-up show featuring a bevy of regional indie rock and America. Rhode Island quirkster Deer Tick tops the bill at the *Sneakers and Speakers Benefit Concert*, which also includes Seacoast heroes Tan Vampires and The Tripping Souls. Show is rain or shine and tickets for the Rock On Foundation fundraiser are \$15 in advance or \$25 at the door. Saturday, July 6, at 6 p.m. at Redhook Brewery, 1 Redhook Way (Pease International Tradeport) in Portsmouth (redhook.com).

• **Song man:** A husky-voiced singer songwriter with tunes that deftly paint love, loss and longing in a few brushstrokes, Wisconsin-born *Jeffrey Foucault* will unveil a Neil Young favorite if the mood strikes. He once made an album that began as a sheaf of unfinished Lisa Olstein poems — a visceral and brilliant exercise. “I’ve never thought too hard about genres,” he says — Foucault’s most recent, *Horse Latitudes*, was a rocking affair. Sunday, July 7, at 6 p.m. at Zev Yoga Studio, 175 Water St. in Exeter. Tickets \$10; call 498-8658.

• **Twang thang:** Born in Kentucky but too quirky for nearby Nashville, *Dwight Yoakam*

moved to Los Angeles in the early ’80s and came up in the same scene that spawned Los Lobos, The Blasters and other hard-to-classify acts. Inspired by honky tonk hillbilly heroes like Buck Owens and Hank Snow, the singer and guitarist invented his own musical genre. Sunday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. at The Music Hall, 28 Chestnut St. in Portsmouth; tickets \$68-\$78 at themusichall.org.

• **Comedy collective:** A 70-member cast of comic entertainers specializing in off-beat takes on modern living; *Darwin’s Waiting Room* presents *Comedy, Evolved*, a one-hour family-friendly sketch comedy performance described as equal parts *Twilight Zone* and *Monty Python’s Flying Circus*. A two-night run precedes the troupe’s trip to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland. Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20, at 8 p.m. at the Music Hall Loft, 28 Chestnut St. in Portsmouth. Tickets \$22 at themusichall.org.

• **Jam band getaway:** Many area performers stay busy playing at summer music festivals throughout the region. Two such groups, Blacklight Ruckus and People Skills, warm up for one of the season’s biggest bashes at the *Big Up Satellite Par-*

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Folk Festival with Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue – July 26

The Head and the Heart - July 31

Judy Collins w/ Ari Hest- Aug. 7

Dar Williams – Aug. 14

Spirit Family Reunion – Aug. 28

Steve Earle & the Dukes (& a Duchess) – Aug. 30

Bruce Cockburn – Sept. 1

Check prescottpark.org for all summer dates and lineups.

ty, a prelude to the massive early August event in New York, which features over 50 diverse acts. The local show happens at one of the area’s most welcoming rooms. Saturday, July 20, at 8 p.m. at the Stone Church, 5 Granite St. in Newmarket. Tickets \$6 at stonechurchrocks.com.

• **THE HONEY POT** 920 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, 760-2013, Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. with The Wiz

• **JADE DRAGON LOUNGE** 515 DW Hwy., Merrimack Commons, 424-2280, Thursday through Saturday 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

• **KILLARNEY’S** 9 Northeastern Blvd., 888-1551, Tuesdays, 9 p.m. to midnight, DJ Bernie D

• **LAFAYETTE CLUB** Manchester, 623-9323, Thursdays at 9 p.m. w/ DJ Lance

• **MILANO’S SPORTS BAR** 1 Broad St., Nashua, Saturdays and Sundays at 8 p.m. w/ DJ Bernie D

• **MURPHY’S TAPROOM** 494 Elm St., Manchester, Mondays, 8 p.m.

• **NEW WA TOY** 611 Mast Road, Manchester, 688-1088, Thursdays and Saturdays 8 p.m. to midnight

• **NORTHEAST RESTAURANT** 4 Slip Road, Greenfield, Thursdays and Saturdays 8 p.m. to midnight. JC & Scott of The Edge host. Call 547-3100.

• **JONATHON’S LOUNGE** at Park Place Lanes, 16 Rockingham Road, Windham, 898-4422, Monday through Friday at 8 p.m.

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• **RICK’S ON MILL POND**, Route 125, Kingston, 642-3353, Fridays at 7 to 10 p.m.

• **ROCKO’S** 253 Wilson Ave., Manchester, 626-5866, Friday nights at 9 p.m.

• **SLADE’S** 4 W. Hollis St., Nashua, 886-1334, Tuesday through Friday at 9 p.m.

• **STEVE-N-JAMES TAVERN** 187 Rockingham Road, Derry, 434-0600, Thursdays at 8 p.m. w/ DJ Sharon Mulrennan.

• **STUDIO 99** 115 Main St., Nashua, 562-5179. Piano karaoke first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., w/ Elise MacDonald. \$3 suggested donation.

• **THEO’S RESTAURANT** 102 Elm St., Manchester, 669-4678, Wednesdays, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

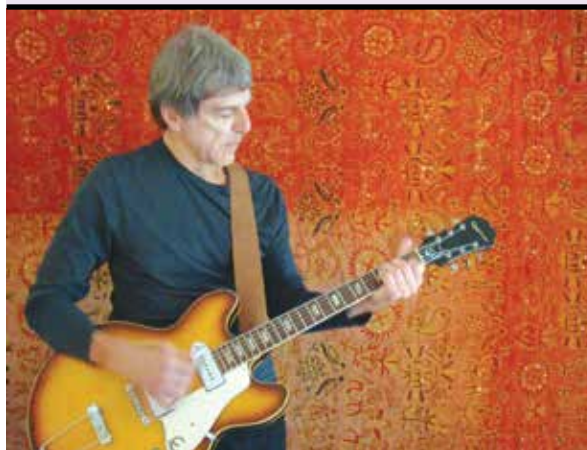
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• **TEXAS HOLD ’EM TOURNAMENTS** at City Sports Grille, 216 Maple St., Manchester, on Sundays at 5 and 7:30 p.m.; Mondays at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

• **TEXAS HOLD ’EM TOURNAMENTS** every Sunday at 1 p.m., Milly’s Tavern, 500 Com-

mercial St., Manchester. Proceeds to benefit Vietnam Veterans of America Central NH Chapter 41.

HOMETOWN CELEBRATION



Concord-based band The Tripping Souls will be in its hometown to celebrate the release of its debut EP. Head to True Brew Barista (3 Bicentennial Square, Concord) on Saturday, June 1, at 8 p.m. Call 225-2776 or visit truebrewbarista.com. Check out The Tripping Souls online at thetrippingsouls.com.

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• **TEXAS HOLD ’EM TOURNAMENTS** at Shooters Pub, 6 Columbus Ave., Exeter, on Wednesdays, at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

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A GOOD DAY



Howie Day’s hits like “Collide” and “She Says” have made for plenty of radio play for this Mainer. Day will visit New Hampshire on Saturday, June 1, at the Tupelo Music Hall (2 Young Road, Londonderry) at 8 p.m. Justin Levinson opens and tickets cost \$30. Call 437-5100 or visit tupelohall.com. Visit Day’s website at howieday.com.

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• **BEDFORD LIBRARY** Richmond Room, 2 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, 472-2300, second Wednesday of the month, 7-9 p.m.

Singles events

• **SINGLES DANCE** at Sweeney

Post 2 (251 Maple St., Manchester) Fri., June 14 and July 19, 8 p.m.-midnight. A DJ will be playing 60s, 70s and 80s music. The dance is non-smoking and snacks will be available. Cover charge is \$10. Call 623-9145 or visit sweeneypost.org.

• **BYOB SINGLES DANCE** every Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight at Daniels Hall, Route 4, Notting-

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• **Park harmony:** Formed through a series of open mike nights, Seattle-based *Head and the Heart* broke out with the ethereal song “Lost In My Mind” from its eponymous debut album. The indie folk band features three-part harmonies and inventive instrumentation weaving piano, violin and percussion. After opening for big names like Dave Matthews Band and My Morning Jacket, they’re headliners. Wednesday, July 31, at 6 p.m. at Prescott Park in Portsmouth. Suggested \$8-\$10 donation; prescottpark.org.

• **Funky bunny:** Bridging the space between classic R&B and rock as purveyed on the VANS Warped tour, *Bad Rabbits* brew up a heady concoction that works on the dance floor or in the bedroom. With the release this year of *American Love*, the band makes a big move. The single “Fall in Love” features a booming bass line, big horns and infectious vocals. Sunday, Aug. 11, at 9 p.m. at Wally’s Pub, 144 Ashworth Ave., Hampton. Tickets \$15; ticketweb.com.

• **Hampton idol:** Singer Shayleen Letellier won last year’s Hampton Beach Talent Competition, a gathering of young performers competing for a \$500 prize. Junior competitors vie on day one for semifinals, with seniors on day two and finals for both categories at weekend’s close. Entry deadline is Aug. 2. Friday,



Dwight Yoakum. Courtesy photo.

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 23, 24 and 25, at Sea Shell Stage, Hampton Beach. See hamptonbeach.org.

• **Surrender:** A band that pretty much owns the moniker “Big In Japan” by virtue of its smash, *Live at Budokan*, Cheap Trick is 35 years later still very much defined by the hook-filled live disc — though the midwestern band had plenty of other hits, like 1979’s “Dream



Bad Rabbits. Courtesy photo.

Police” and the 1988 power ballad “The Flame.” Boston legends The Neighborhoods open; the band helped create the Hub’s ’70s punk scene. Sunday, Aug. 25, at 8 p.m. at Casino Ballroom. Tickets are \$35-\$70 at casinoballroom.com.

• **Happy ending:** Seacoast writer and actor George Hosker-Bouley leads the comical *Portsmouth Underbelly Tour*, a look at the scandals, brothels, ghosts and

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Seacoast band winning over fans from here to Japan

By Mairead Dunphy

In the middle of guitarist Geoff Palmer's living room, girls danced to The Connection's latest song, "Girls in This Town," as a videographer filmed the action.

It's one of many songs from *Let it Rock*, The Connection's latest album, that the band plans to turn into a video.

"Videos are a great way to get the music out for people to hear. We keep the videos pretty simple, just performance shots," Palmer said.

Let It Rock features 12 original songs.

"I love the new record," said drummer Zack Sprague on site of their video shoot. "It's varied and different from our old record, but there's a great progression from that '50s and '60s rock and roll sound. We are the same band, but it's a different take."

"With this new album we had a little more time to produce some of the songs with different accompanying musicians," Palmer said. "We have horns, piano and some pedal steel guitar on a few different tracks."

The band has fans around the world and record labels with SP Records in Japan and Rumble Records in the United Kingdom. Sites like YouTube, Facebook and Bandcamp helped The Connection share their music globally.

"Europe is great; they love our band," said lead singer Brad Marino. "They absolutely love rock and roll over there."

After the album release, they'll head out on their second tour to Europe.

Marino and Palmer started the band two years ago, and though they've had a revolving line up of other members, they think they finally have it right with Zach Sprague and bassist Bobby Davis.



The Connection. Courtesy photo.

"It's definitely the most professional band I've ever been in," Davis said. "It's a great experience with the European tour coming up and a new album."

This stripped-down rock band has an old-school rock-and-roll attitude, evident even in the guys' vintage style clothing. Skinny ties, shiny black dress shoes, Rolling Stone shirts and smiles are the norm.

The Connection originated on the Seacoast, Palmer said.

"This is my home," Palmer said via email. "I love playing all over the place, but when we get on a great show in our hometown area and our friends and family get to come out, it makes it a nice party."

The Connection has turned locals into fans, getting the crowd up and out of their seats at The Music Hall in April when they played the 2013 Spotlight Awards. They ended up winning Best Pop Band.

"We didn't know we were going to win," Marino said. "We get a lot of good reviews, but to get recognition by a music panel was great."

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Jam for Bob and Brad

Dylan's birthday party benefits Brad Delp foundation



Napoleon in Rags will take the stage for the annual Bob Dylan Birthday Bash. Courtesy photo.

By Cory Francer
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As a Bob Dylan fanatic, Bobby Livingston began his annual Bob Dylan Birthday Bash as a way to trick all of his musician friends into playing his favorite songs. But now in the show's fourth year, the pieces have fallen into place to make the concert much more than a tribute to the great American songwriter.

Livingston calls the local music community a family and said that nearly every member of that family has in some way been affected by Brad Delp, the late lead singer of Boston. Since Delp's death, the Brad Delp Foundation has served as a support system for youth music programs in schools.

Locally, Lisa Guyer, lead singer of Mama Kicks!, has run her Music Empowerment Program for a year with help from the foundation. The program operates in various locations throughout southern New Hampshire and gives students an opportunity to learn from Guyer and other local musicians. Livingston said he was amazed at the way Guyer's program gave kids the confidence to perform and decided it would make sense to use the Dylan show as a fundraiser to support the program through the Brad Delp Foundation.

"I went and witnessed it last year and it was mind-blowing to see 13-, 14- and 15-year-old kids learning how to perform while working with Lisa and her team of teachers," Livingston said. "The Brad Delp Foundation supported it last year and gave scholarships to students."

The lineup for this year's bash, which is scheduled for Friday, May 24, at Whippersnappers in Londonderry, features Livingston's band Napoleon in Rags, Charlie Farren, Beatlejuice, members of The Fools, Brian Maes, country singer Colene Walters and other bands from throughout

New England. Livingston said the only rule for the night is that each song played must have been written by Bob Dylan, including songs from The Traveling Wilburys' first album. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the supergroup's record, which featured Dylan alongside George Harrison, Tom Petty, Roy Orbison and Jeff Lynne. Livingston said the album was one of Delp's favorites.

"Brad Delp loved Bob Dylan, the Beatles and the Traveling Wilburys," Livingston said. "Brad Delp touched all the musicians performing, so it makes all the sense in the world to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Wilburys record that he listened to constantly."

Guyer said the Bob Dylan Birthday Bash make for great collaborations between some of New England's top musicians, and it's particularly interesting to hear all of the different interpretations of Dylan's music.

"Everyone comes in and puts their own flavor on it, and some do it traditional," Guyer said.

Last year's concert raised \$3,500, and this year the goal is \$5,000.

Livingston said just about any music fan will enjoy hearing a night full of Dylan's classics and deep cuts.

"Bob Dylan is the greatest American songwriter of the second half of the 20th century," Livingston said.

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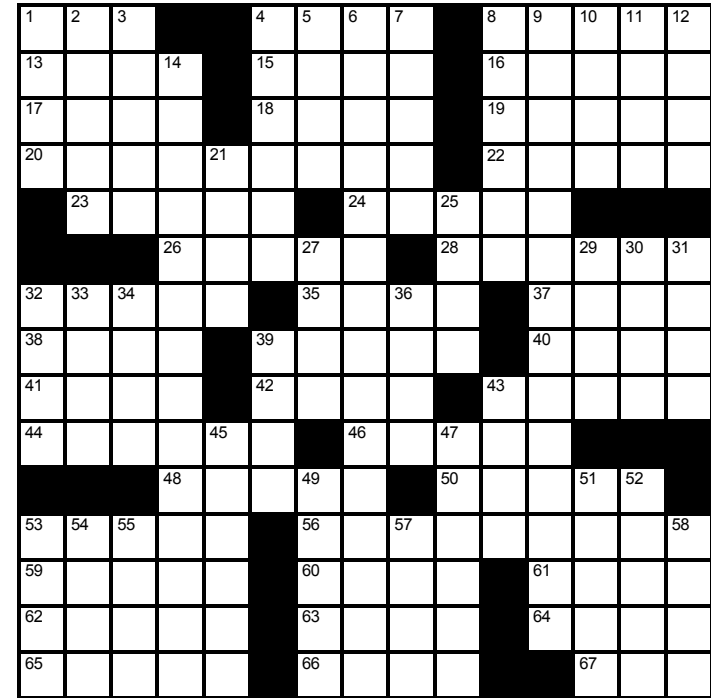
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- 66. Groups of people at small show
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- 29. Steve Winwood 'While You __ __ Chance' (3,1)
- 30. Teens used to tape shop there
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- 32. Slash/Axl penned epic
- 33. Silverchair '___ Song (Open Fire)'
- 34. Napalm Death 'Atheist __'
- 36. Eric Clapton '___ Time You See Her'
- 39. State Eagles are from, for short
- 43. Pink Spiders '___ On'
- 45. They get rockers movie parts
- 47. Carless use them for touring
- 49. 'Something To Talk About' Bonnie
- 51. Sour U2 hit?
- 52. Latin dance
- 53. 'Doomsday Machine' __ Enemy
- 54. 'Who Let The Dogs Out?' __ Men
- 55. Debbie Harry 'Command and __'
- 57. Jane's Addiction '___ Caught Stealing'
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- 5. Carl Palmer band
- 6. Paula Cole '___ Cowboys Gone?' (5,4,3,3)
- 7. '98 Beastie Boys album 'Hello __'
- 8. Allman's percussionist
- 9. '84 Ratt album (3,2,3,6)
- 10. 'Dancing With Myself' Billy
- 11. 'Story Of A Girl' __ Days
- 12. What short people stand on at show
- 14. Mike Reno/Ann Wilson 'Love Theme From Footloose' song (6,8)
- 21. What idle amp does
- 25. Marseille Figs 'Honey How Do You Like Your __'
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			Hampton Ron's Landing: The Sonic Boomers Wally's Pub: Herland Brothers
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Band

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Dover

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Brick House: Charlotte Locke, Ghost Dinner Band

Fury's: Jon Nolan and the Working Girls, Kate Redgate

Epsom

Circle 9 Ranch: Shana Stack Band

Epping

Holy Grail Food & Spirits: BK & Company

Gilford

Patrick's Pub: Endangered Species

Hampstead

Pasta Loft: Side Car

Hampton

Wally's Pub: The Bars

Laconia

Tower Hill Tavern: Manchuka

Londonderry

Whippersnappers: Soundtrack to Monday

Manchester

British Beer Company: Element 78

Club 313: DJ Bob

Derryfield: Triple Tantrum

Fratello's: Juli Dougherty

Jokers: MB Padfield

Murphy's Taproom: Double Shot

Raxx Lounge: DJ Mike

Shaskeen: The Lifted Crew

Strange Brew: Tabasco Fiasco

The Yard: Jodie Cunningham and Fried Cactus

Meredith

Giuseppe's: Bob Rutherford, Deja Voodoo

Merrimack

The Homestead: Brian Gray

Milford

Clark's Tavern: Ryan Bossie

J's Tavern: Roxanne and the

Voodoo Rockers

Pasta Loft: Boys of Rockingham

Nashua

Fody's: White Noise

Old Amsterdam: BAZA

Stella Blu: Gentlemen Outfit

Newmarket

Stone Church: Evan Goodrow

Peterborough

Harlow's Pub: The Nines

Plaistow

Sad Café: Ways to Fall, Amy Herrera, KC Spina, Ari Jacobson, Matt Minigell

Portsmouth

Blue Mermaid: Jive Kats

Gas Light Co.: Nobody's Fault,

DJ Koko P, Brandon Lepere,

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- **Roomful of Blues** Fri., May 24, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **James Cotton** Sat., May 25, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Dark Star Orchestra** Wed., May 29, at 7:30 p.m., Colonial Theatre
- **Buckcherry** Fri., May 31, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Southside Johnny and the Poor Fools** Fri., May 31, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **The Band Perry** Sat., June 1, at 7:30 p.m., Meadowbrook
- **Dark Star Orchestra** Sat., June 1, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Howie Day** Sat., June 1, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **James Hunter** Sat., June 2, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Billy Idol** Sun., June 2, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Ottmar Liebert and Luna Negra** Thurs., June 6, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **The Wood Brothers** Fri., June 7, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Dickey Betts and Great Southern** Fri., June 7, at 7:30 p.m., Flying Monkey
- **Killswitch Engage** Sat., June 8, at 7:30 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Weird Al Yankovic** Sat., June 8, at 8 p.m., Colonial Theatre
- **Marcia Ball** Thurs., June 13, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Brandi Carlile** Thurs., June 13, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Willie Nelson & The Charlie Daniels Band** Fri., June 14, at 7:30 p.m., Meadowbrook
- **James Montgomery Band with Barrence Whitfield** Fri., June 14, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Social Distortion** Sat., June 15,

- at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Counting Crows** Wed., June 19, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Melissa Etheridge** Thurs., June 20, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **The Psychedelic Furs** Thurs., June 20, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Alice Cooper and Marilyn Manson** Thurs., June 20, at 7 p.m., Meadowbrook
- **Straight No Chaser** Fri., June 21, at 8 p.m., Casino Ballroom
- **Os Mutantes** Fri., June 21, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
- **Boston All Star Blues Revue** Sat., June 22, at 8 p.m., Tupelo
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Rudi's: Dimitri & Rob Gerry
Thirsty Moose: Hot Like Fire

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Chop Shop: Radio Edit, Barley Hoppers

Sunday, May 26
Concord
Hermanos: John Franzosa

Dover
Barley Pub: Zach Lang
Brick House: Jim Dozet Trio, DJ Erich Kruger

Hampton
Ron's Landing: The Read/Allan Duo
Wally's Pub: Gary Hoey

Laconia
Tower Hill Tavern: Tony Sarno

Manchester
British Beer Company: Sara Thompson Band
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Gas Light Co.: Jimmy D., Rog & Ray

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Red Door: Red Tail Hawk, Green Lion Crew
Ri Ra: Drew Yount
Rudi's: John Franzosa & John Hunter
Thirsty Moose: Sunsetfire with Elephant

Monday, May 27
Concord
Barley House: Dave Tonkin
Hermanos: John Franzosa

Manchester
Fratello's: Rob Wolfe
Murphy's Taproom: Gardner Berry

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Lou Porrazzo

Merrimack
The Homestead: Charlie Christos

Portsmouth
Press Room: Mike Walsh

Tuesday, May 28
Concord
Barley House: Traditional Irish Session
Hermanos: Richard Gardzina

Dover
Fury's: Tim Theriault and Friends

Londonderry
Whippersnappers: VJ Mark

Manchester
Fratello's: Corey Brackett
Milly's Tavern: Manchuka
Murphy's Taproom: Toni Troy
Raxx Lounge: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Tristan Omand
Strange Brew: Peter Parcek

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Michael Bourgeois

Merrimack
The Homestead: Paul Luff

Wednesday, May 29
Concord
Barley House: Dan Walker

Dover
Fury's: Red Sky Mary

Gilford
Patrick's Pub: Paul Warnick

Manchester
Fratello's: Toni Troy
Milly's Tavern: Queen City Soul
Murphy's Taproom: Brandon Lepere
Strange Brew: David Rousseau

Meredith
Giuseppe's: Matt Langley

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The Homestead: Brian Gray

Milford
J's Tavern: The Boogiemens

Portsmouth
Press Room: Chad Verbeck
Rudi's: Dimitri

COMEDY THIS WEEK AND BEYOND

Saturday, May 25
Dover
Temple Israel: Mike McDonald, Josh Gonderman and Dan Crohn

Manchester
Headliners: Frank Santos

Saturday, June 1
Manchester
Headliners: Will Noonan, John Ater, Matt Barry, Lauren Bancroft, Rob Steen

Saturday, June 8
Londonderry
Tupelo: George Hamm, Tom Gilmore, Anthony Scibella

Manchester
Headliners: Mike McCarthy

Saturday, June 15
Londonderry
Tupelo: Frank Santos, Jr.

Manchester
Headliners: Kelly Macfarland

Saturday, June 22
Manchester
Headliners: Dan Crohn

Saturday, June 29
Manchester
Headliners: Bob Seibel

Saturday, July 6
Londonderry
Tupelo: Tony V

Saturday, July 13
Hampton
Casino Ballroom: Bill

Burr
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Headliners: Johnny Pizzi

Saturday, July 20
Manchester
Headliners: Mike Koutrobis

Sunday, July 21
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Gemini (May 21 – June 20) “If we weren’t all a bunch of vain gluttonous pigs, we’d be happy with nothing but bland food, plain-looking clothes, and adequate shelter. Then where would we be?” A little extra glitz wouldn’t hurt this week.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) “Fat people don’t want strangers laughing at them as they trudge down the street in their sweatpants, or plod clumsily through an aerobics class. They want to take a pill on Friday, walk into work on Monday, and have people go, ‘Holy cow! ... What happened to all that fat?’ And then they would say, ‘Oh, that. It was nothing really.’” An important project is going to take time, but perhaps not as much as you fear.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) “The trainer will have the animals jumping through fire, doing flips, sitting up ... you know, really putting on a show. And then, the trainer takes the bow!” Give (and take) credit where it’s due.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) “And why only the rain forests? Is that all we need to do to save the whole planet? What about the deserts and the oceans?” Make sure your focus isn’t too narrow.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) “As much as being in the Marine Corps reserves helped to turn me around and allow me to feel better about myself, books helped even more.” It’s a good time to read something serious.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) “You wouldn’t think that something that happened so few times could leave such a big ripple in your psychic pond, but it does. It’s just amazing.” Small actions, big effects — in both directions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) “There were so many times, as the platoon went through their ‘punishment exercises,’ that I

thought, ‘Just hit me C’mon, I can take it. Right in the face. Hit me and get it over with. But holy s***, stop the push-ups!’” Slow and steady wins the race.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) “It took me a good ten minutes just to find a parking spot, dodging pea-brained shoppers who wouldn’t walk to the side of the parking lanes, but had to meander down the middle.” Just park far away and walk — enjoy the sights.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) “A man is sitting at home when he hears a knock on the door. He opens the door and sees a snail sitting there on the porch. He picks up the snail, and throws it as far as he can. Three years later, there’s a knock on the door. The man opens the door. There sits the same snail. The snail says, ‘What the hell was that all about?’” You may have to deal with some unfinished business.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) “When I was in first grade, a man came to our house from the local music store to sell us lessons. Naturally, because I was only five, no one told me he was coming, so I had to make up my mind on the spot about what instrument I wanted to take up. I chose the accordion.” Sometimes quick decisions turn into lifelong skills.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) “The things I learned in the Marine Corps have stayed with me to this day. I hate being late. I’m very organized, and I’m not afraid to take responsibility for my own actions, just to name a few. And, you could scream at me at the top of your lungs and call me all the names you want. It wouldn’t even faze me.” Old lessons will serve you well.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) “(Okay, technically, we had a garage. But it was always so full of junk that I couldn’t fit the car into it. And I couldn’t park in the driveway because I never felt like shoveling it.)” Put stuff where it belongs, and you’ll find what you need.

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2	3	5	7	6	8	4	9	1
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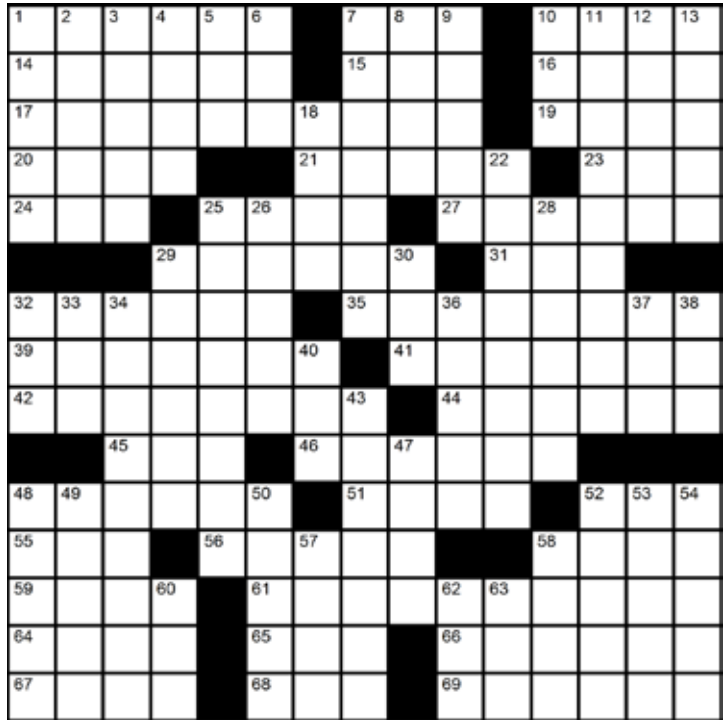
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“Sound Off” — or so I’ve heard

Across

- 1 Convention city
- 7 Network with videos
- 10 Greenish-blue
- 14 Where mimes may be trapped
- 15 Hokkaido “yes”
- 16 Phoenix five (plus the bench)
- 17 How termites start on trees?
- 19 Good last name for a veterinarian
- 20 ___ out a living
- 21 Chipmunk in a red shirt
- 23 AFL-___



- 24 “___ for Ricochet” (2004 mys-
tery novel)
- 25 Restaurant handout
- 27 Pillager
- 29 Place for a pedicure
- 31 Quiz site
- 32 Get bigger
- 35 Make a remix for YouTube, often
- 39 Ditch
- 41 Bubbly mixer
- 42 Like some women’s bathing suits
- 44 Ramona’s sister, in the Beverly
Cleary books
- 45 Gaza gp.
- 46 Like some pools
- 48 Home of the Oregon Ducks
- 51 Itty-bitty city
- 52 Maritime abbr. that predated

5/16



SOS

- 55 “Weekend Edition Saturday”
airer
- 56 ___ whale
- 58 Feng ___
- 59 “Bloom County” penguin
- 61 Modern mini-obituary?
- 64 Fallon’s replacing him
- 65 Alley ___
- 66 Most wintry
- 67 Bohemian
- 68 Ball or top
- 69 Humpty-___

Down

- 1 Futuristic artist H.R.
- 2 Japanese mushroom
- 3 Local areas, casually
- 4 Subsidies
- 5 Stereo knob abbr.
- 6 Fire truck accessory
- 7 Taco-like Taco Bell item
- 8 Sports announcer Albert who says
“Yesssss!”
- 9 Polynesian idols
- 10 Be a good journalist
- 11 Hype around a bad doctor?
- 12 Set loose
- 13 Fur tycoon John Jacob ___
- 18 Cessations
- 22 Complex guy?

- 25 Extra-large pads
- 26 Singer Gorme
- 28 Word after cookie or cigar
- 29 Horse with spots
- 30 Sydneysider’s nat.
- 32 Tokyo of old
- 33 Prefix meaning “foreign”
- 34 Lackey who hauls around sea-
sonal marshmallows?
- 36 Kneeler on the field
- 37 Modern, in Munich
- 38 Urgent care alternatives
- 40 VII times XIII
- 43 Tendency toward chaos
- 47 Acronym in 2013 Supreme Court
news
- 48 ___ Gay
- 49 Not lower
- 50 Center in central Florida
- 52 Chick noise
- 53 A Tribe Called ___
- 54 Simple song
- 57 Ending for switch
- 58 Take to the lake
- 60 Miso makeup
- 62 Joke (around)
- 63 Fort Worth sch.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

Backyard barnyard

The Department of Agriculture reported recently that in four of America's largest cities — New York, Miami, Los Angeles and Denver — nearly one home out of 100 keeps chickens either for a fresh egg supply or as pets, giving rise to chicken services such as Backyard Poultry magazine, MyPetChicken.com and Julie Baker's Pampered Poultry store. Among the most popular products are strap-on cloth diapers for the occasions when owners bring their darlings indoors, i.e., cuddle their "lap chickens." Also popular are "saddles" for roosters, to spare hens mating injuries — owing to roosters' brutal horniness, sometimes costing hens most or all of their back feathers from a single encounter.

Government in action

• "Consider all the ways we're taxed," wrote Maryland's community Gazette in April — when we're born, die, earn income, spend it, own property, sell it, attend entertainment venues, operate vehicles and pass wealth along after death, among others. Maryland has now added a tax on rain. To reduce stormwater runoff into the Chesapeake Bay, the Environmental Protection Agency assessed the state \$14.8 billion, which the state will collect starting in July by taxing "impervious surfaces" — any land area in its 10 largest counties that cannot directly absorb rainwater, such as roofs, driveways, patios and sidewalks.

• The Washington Post reported in April that the federal government is due to spend \$890,000 this year to safeguard ... nothing. The amount is the total fees for maintaining more than 13,000 short-term bank accounts the government owns but which have no money in them and never again will. Closing the accounts is easier said than done, according to the watchdog Citizens Against Government Waste, because the accounts each housed separate government grants, and Congress has required that, before the accounts are closed, the grants must be formally audited — something bureaucrats are rarely motivated to do, at least within the 180 days set by law (though there is no penalty for missing the deadline).

• It's good to be the county administrator of Alameda County, Calif. (on San Francisco Bay, south of Oakland). The San Francisco Chronicle revealed in March that somehow, Susan Muranishi negotiated a contract that pays her \$301,000 a year, plus "equity pay" of \$24,000 a year so that she makes at least 10 percent more than the next highest paid official, plus "longevity" pay of \$54,000 a year, plus a car allowance — and that she will be paid that total amount per year as her pension for life (in addition to a private pension of \$46,000 a year that the county purchased for her).

• In rare (these days) bipartisan action, congressional military "experts" of both parties are about to force the Army to continue building Abrams tanks -- when the Army said it doesn't want them and can't use them. The tank manufacturers, of course, have convinced Congress that it needs the contracts, no matter what the Army says (according to an April Associated Press analysis).

Police report

• News of the Weird has reported several times on the astonishing control that inmates have at certain prisons in Latin American countries, with drug cartel leaders often enjoying lives nearly as pleasurable as their lives on the outside. However, according to an April federal indictment, similar problems have plagued the City Detention Center in Baltimore, where members of the "Black Guerrilla Family" operated with impunity. Between 2010 and 2012, corruption was such that 13 female guards have now been charged, including four women who bore the children of the gang's imprisoned leader, Tavon White. Cellphones, drugs and Grey Goose vodka were among the smuggled-in contraband, and the indictment charges that murders were ordered from inside. (Baltimore City Paper had reported 14 stories in 2009 and 2010 on the gang-related corruption at the center, but apparently state and federal officials had failed to be alarmed.)

• Frequent Flyers: (1) Chicago police have arrested Ms. Shermain Miles, 51, at least 396 times since 1978, under 83 different aliases, for crimes ranging from theft (92 times) to prostitution and robbery. According to the Chicago Sun-Times, she is a virtuoso at playing "the system" to delay her proceed-

ings and avoid jail time. (2) Alvin Cote, 59, passed away in February of poor health in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, following a "career" of 843 public-intoxication arrests.

• Somewhat Backwards DUI: Danielle Parker was hospitalized and awaiting DUI charges after a crash near Gaston, N.C., in March, even though she had been in the passenger seat of the car. She had handled the wheel momentarily because Brittany Reinhardt, 19, in the driver's seat, was busy texting. (Reinhardt, apparently sober, was charged with "aiding and abetting" a DUI.)

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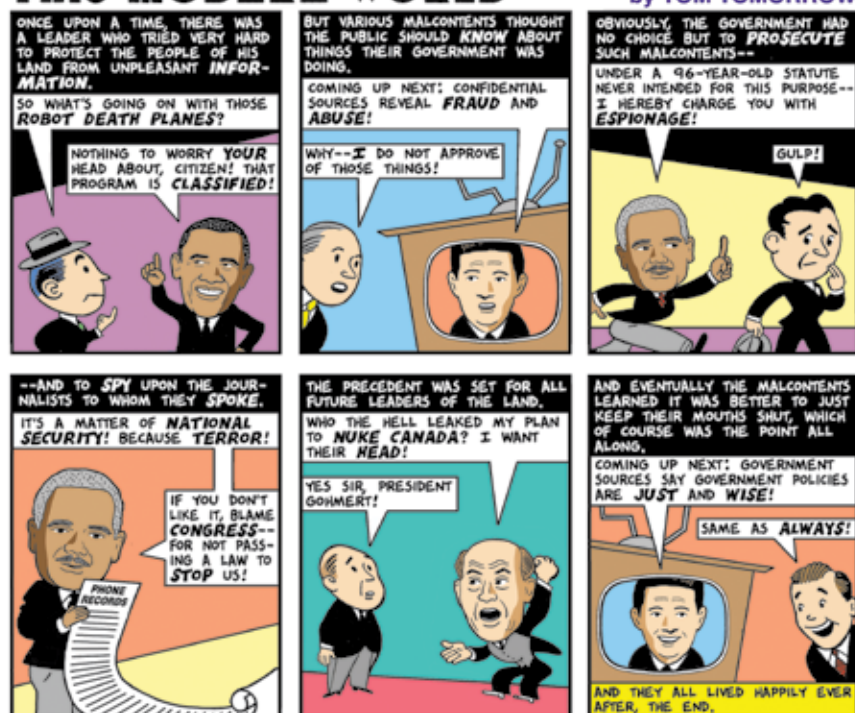
• Stan Worby, 39, made headlines internationally in February when, dressed as Batman, he hauled fugitive Daniel Frayne, 27, into a Bradford, England, police station. It turns out he was just helping his friend Daniel turn himself in (on an outstanding arrest warrant). In a separate incident in April, the two "friends" were arrested together and charged with burglarizing a garage in Bradford.

• In a confessional in the April GQ magazine, the sportswriter Buzz Bissinger (creator of TV's "Friday Night Lights") admitted that his later-in-life fame had enabled a narcissism that caused him to impulsively buy 81 leather jackets in a three-year period, plus 75 pairs of boots, 41 pairs of leather pants, 32 pairs of upscale jeans, 10 evening jackets and 115 pairs of leather gloves, among other extravagances and aberrations.

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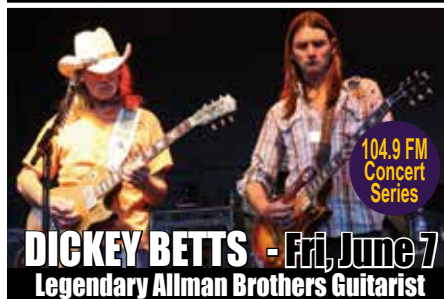


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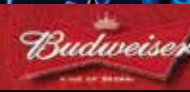


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